Backbench revolt alarms Major

EC gives Danes time to rethink on Maastricht

By George Brock in Oslo and Robin Oakley in London

THE European Community foreign ministers agreed yesterday to press ahead with the ratification of the Maastricht treaty on the basis of the existing text" and to allow Denmark's participation within the Community to continue.

In London the cabinet endorsed John Major's determination to push ahead with. ratification of the treaty, but there was growing ministerial alarm about the groundswell of support for a complete renegotiation of the deal.

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About 70 Conservative MPs, including a number of new members, backed a cod-ed early day motion calling for a "fresh start" in European negotiations. The prime minister was last night trying to reassure Euro-sceptics that Britain was not adopting too rigid an approach. In spite of clear differences

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between the EC foreign ministers, they agreed at the emergency meeting to give Denmark time to find solutions to the problems posed by its membership of the EC outside the Maastricht treaty, while the other 11 states work out how to implement its

Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, said last night that he had not ruled out calling a second referendum on his country's relationship with the rest of the Community, if a different basis for such ties could be worked out. "I wouldn't rule out a new referendum, but it would have to be on a differ-ent basis," he told Danish television. "It might be in half a year, it might be later."

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, made strenuous efforts to play down the obstacles facing the EC. As he arrived at the Oslo meeting he said that the Community's history had been marked by hiccups. He said that Denmark remained a full member of the EC for the time being and it would take time to solve the predicament. He suggested that Community leaders might not even spend much time discussing Denmark at the Lisbon summit at the end of this month.

He acknowledged, however, that he had been unable to tell his colleagues when ratification of the treaty, suspended on Wednesday, would be resumed in the Commons. The Danish referendum result. he said, had "undoubtedly affected opinion in Britain among people who had been willing to give Maas-tricht the benefit of the

Ministers are hoping to continue the parliamentary progress of the Maastricht oill later this month, after the Irish referendum on June 18. There is growing concern, however, that the government might find itself unable to get the bill through, with the number of rebels in both major parties sharply on the

There is some alarm in the Tory party that the Foreign Office was caught napping by the Danish referendum result and that Mr Major was not made aware swiftly enough of the currents running on the Conservative back benches One junior minister conceded yesterday that it would be a bad mistake for the government to assume that what

was happening was a mere

paper revolt.
With Britain due to take over the EC presidency on July 1, the prime minister is anxious to preserve his pos-ition as the honest broker. Downing Street said that he wanted to operate "from the middle of the ring", and senior ministers agree that Britain should not be seen to undermine the deal arrived at last December. Mr Major also made it clear that any renegotiation might jeopardise the concessions that Britain achieved at Maastricht, notably the opt-out clause on a single European currency.

Mr Hurd's eagerness to ex-ert a claming influence had been provoked by signals from Portugal, France, Germany and other pro-federal governments that the rest of the Community should start to nudge Denmark out of mainstream EC business. Mr Hurd said that he had been keen to remove from the final communique any resentment against Denmark. Britain's more conciliatory

line is supported by Holland. A Dutch diplomat criticised the joint statement issued immediately after the Danish result by France and Germany: "That statement made us a bit uneasy. In effect it said: the train is steaming on. Somebody fell off. Too bad: we go on." The same official pointed out that British ministers will play a pivotal role in the coming months because of the close relations between Britain and Denmark and because Britain will take over the presidency of the EC.

The ministers appear to have reached a provisional should not be heaped on Copenhagen while there is any prospect of a second referendum. "The ball is on the Danish side of the court," Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, said.

Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, employed only a faint tone of menace. "It is possible that a partner who says 'No' at first try may say 'Yes' the second time around, after reflection," he said. However, the meeting dismissed M Dumas's idea that an emergency EC summit would be held this weekend.

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Serbia's last ally hints it may change sides

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE president of Montenegro, Momir Bulatovic, suggested yesterday that he may rethink the republic's alliance with Serbia, its partner in the rump state of Yugoslavia.

Montenegro's defection would drastically weaken any Serbian claim that Yugoslavia continued to exist. "I leave open the possibility that we have made mistakes," Mr Bulatovic said of Montenegro's decision to remain locked into Yugoslavia with Serbia. "Change is possible. We still have relations with the Serbian authorities, but there is also a great attempt to

... see the mistakes made," he said. "The course is going to be corrected generally." His comments were the first public indications of strains in the Yugoslav federation of Serbia and Montenegro since the United Nations imposed sanctions on Yugoslavia in the areas of trade, oil, commerce, sport and transport. New Yugoslavia was formally proclaimed on April 27 after the defections

of Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia

and Macedonia from the old

federation.

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- NSIDE Names face Lloyd's levy

The 22,500 members of Lloyd's are being required to contribute an average of £20,000 each next month to double the size of the central fund that acts as the ultimate security behind Lloyd's policies. The move is being made as Lloyd's financial security is being questioned for the first time in its 304-year history. The insurers are expected to announce a £2 billion loss for 1989...... Page 19 Leading article, page 15

Kidnap talks

An 18-year-old A-level student interrupted her revision to spend four days negotiating with men who held her lather captive in Nigeria. Claire Hillman, who took nine telephone calls from the kidnappers at her home in Wigan. said: "I felt nervous, but at no time were they rude or threatening"..... Page 3

Cook's tour

Thomas Cook, the 150year-old travel firm that pioneered the package holiday, is to be sold to the German LTU group for 5200 million Page 19
Accidental tourist page 14 Shilling ride, page 18

Standing room

Third and fourth division football league clubs will not be forced to introduce all-sear stadiums, as required under the recommendations of the Taylor report into the Hillsborough disaster...... Page 34

Brazil leads on greennouse treaty

PRESIDENT Collor de Mel- first step towards getting to io of Brazil, the host of the

Earth summit, yesterday be-came the first world leader to sign the United Nations convention on global warming. His signature, greeted with applause by hundreds of diplomats and heads of UN agencies, is expected to be

followed in the next week by those of up to 150 other world leaders, including President Bush and John Major. The treaty comes into force four years after the interna-

tional community woke up to the greenhouse effect and is likely to be the summit's most substantial achievement. It commits all countries to drawing up policies to counter climate change, and encourages industrialised countries to stabilise by the year 2000 their emissions of gases thought to be causing the greenhouse effect, such as carbon dioxide.

This is a most happy event in international relations," President Collor said. "It is a decisive step we must take to build a totally new and better international order."

However, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, expressed unhappiness that the treaty had been diluted by the United States as the price of President Bush's attendance at Rio. "The treaty falls short of the initial hopes of many negonators," he said.

Environmentalists also welcomed the treaty while insisting it was still too weak. "This agreement means that governments have taken only the

FROM MICHAEL MCCARTHY IN RIO DE JANEIRO

grips with the awesome prob-lem," said Fiona Weir of Friends of the Earth. "The challenge now is for governments to set binding national targets to cut carbon dioxide

emissions." Britain announced at the summit that the government hoped the statement of principles on forestry which the conference is negotiating would also lead to a legally binding world forestry treaty.

David Madean, the environment minister, accepted that such a treaty would not only bind countries such as Brazil and Malaysia in the management of their tropical rainforests, but would equally bind Britain in the management of its forests.

Graham Wynne, the director of conservation of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, who is attached to the British delegation, said: "We would hope to see strong commitments affecting British forestry policy which on occasions has been disastrous."

Earlier, the stage was set for a clash next week between Baroness Chalker, the overseas development minister. and the Vatican when Archbishop Renato Martino, the papal nuncio, denounced family planning methods. Lady Chalker, who has made the population issue something of a personal crusade, is expected to raise it personally with the nuncio.

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Judith Ward case prompts call to tighten evidence rules

· By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRESSURE for the rules governing non-disclosure of material to be put on a statutory basis mounted last night after the Court of Appeal quashed Judith Ward's conviction for the M62 IRA coach bombing

and other attacks.
Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC. the attorney-general, has called for guidelines on the disclosure of evidence to be given statutory force so they are made subject to parliamenta-ry scrutiny. Last night, Gar-eth Williams, QC, the Bar chairman, supported Sir Nicholas and urged the intro-duction of "mechanical checks" such as log books at police stations to cut the opportunity for non-disclosure.
The Royal Commission for

Criminal Justice, set up after the freeing of the Birming-ham Six, is examining arrangements for disclosing material to the defence as well as the difficulties facing the defence in access to forensic scientists. It is certain to take seriously demands from the attorney-general for tighter rules in its report due by early

next year. Miss Ward, 43, walked from the court in London after hearing the three judges deliver an indictment of the system which put her in jail for 18 years for the attack which killed 12 people in 1974. Accompanied by Annie Maguire, one of the Maguire Seven, she said: "It's great. Thanks."

For the first time in the series of miscarriages of justice linked to IRA violence, the Court of Appeal yesterday unequivocally pointed the finger at who was to blame for bending the rules and not disclosing material to Miss Ward's defence team.

Lord Justice Glidewell, sitting with Lord Justice Nolan and Mr Justice Steyn, criticised West Yorkshire police, staff at the Director of Public Prosecutions' office and counsel instructing them. and the psychiatrists who prepared reports on Miss Ward for not disclosing material.

They said three government scientists "took the law into their own hands" and acted in concert to conceal from the prosecution, defence and court matters which

could have changed the course of the trial. It had been a lamentable catalogue of omissions and obstruction by Douglas Higgs, Walter Elliott (now dead) and George Berryman, all employed by the Royal Armament Re-search and Development Establishment at Woolwich,

southeast London. The judges added: "On the scientific case deployed against her, Miss Ward did not have a fair trial. Our law



does not tolerate a conviction to be secured by ambush."

The judges criticised Brian Walsh, QC, a crown court recorder, who was the junior counsel in the prosecution team. He had advised against disclosing an interview in which Miss Ward denied IRA activities and had told the defence that it contained only material of a "peripheral" nature. The judges said Mr Walsh had been wrong and had drafted a letter that misrepresented the position. Last night Mr Walsh said he regretted that Miss Ward had been wrongly convicted but refused to comment further until he had read the

judgment Other material shedding light on Miss Ward's veracity was not disclosed to the defence by Michael Bibby, a member of the DPP's central London staff at the time and now an official with the Crown Prosecution Service. Last night the CPS would make no comment on Mr Bibby's position.

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Don't delay! Stocks are moving fast!

Mortgage trap brings a little home comfort

By RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE 1.5 million homeowners trapped with debts larger than the value of their homes could prove the salvation of the housing market. In an ironic twist, their very misfortune could provide the right economic conditions for a mini-boom. Their inability to sell will restrict the supply of houses up for sale, so boosting

The surprising conclusion will be contained in a report, The Debt Trap.
to be published next week by John
Wriglesworth, building society analyst at the securities house UBS Phillips & Drew, regarded by many as the leading guru of the housing market.

Increased prices will increase confidence in homes as an investment and stimulate greater demand, he argues. What the market needs is not more sellers, but more new buyers. Only

the sellers are allected by the debt trap. Buyers are not." Dr Wrigles-worth said. He calculates that there are 600,000 would-be first-time buyers who have delayed entering the market through lack of confidence. but lower interest rates, comparatively low prices and a real increase in earnings now makes buying more attractive to them. Once the supply of 200,000 unsold

empty houses has dried up, prices should start picking up as first-time

buyers find fewer houses on the mar-

ket. Ironically, many of those in the

bought between 1988 and 1991, and are living in properties that would appeal to a new generation of firsttime buvers. "Prices will stabilise, and then

debt trap are first-time buyers who

start picking up as transaction levels improve." Dr Wriglesworth said. Price increases in turn will stimulate demand, as first-time buyer confidence returns. Though people in the debt trap in the short term will suffer. in the long run, everybody wins. "Once prices pick up, they will then

be able to escape from the trap because their homes are once again worth more than the value of their mortgages." Dr Wriglesworth said. The first stages of his scenario have already started. House prices increased last month by 0.4 per cent, the Halifax said on Wednesday. Earlier in the week, the Nationwide recorded a 0.6 per cent rise in May for the second month running, and estate agents have reported a month of busy trading in May, with most inter-

est coming from first-time buyers. Harry Hill, from the Hambro Countrywide chain of estate agents. said: "May has been the best month of the year, particularly in the North-west and the Midlands, with interest

particularly from first-time buyers."
Dr Wriglesworth predicts a recovery in 1993, with prices up 6 per cent by the end of the year. By then the excess supply of repossessed houses and empty homes on the market will have been mopped up."

New car sales show a small increase

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

CAR sales increased slightly last month, mainly due to buying in the North. Business in the South remains slow.

Registrations of new cars were up 1.4 per cent to 121,862, compared with 120,162 in the same month of last year. However, May 1991 was the worst May for sales since 1975. Last month's figures follow a yearon-year rise of 9.1 per cent in April, the first increase after 29 months of losses.

This year's sales comparisons are, however, made against those of last year, the worst year for registrations since 1982. Sales for the first five months of this year are 5.3 per cent lower.

The industry will need an outstanding sales month in August, of about 400,000, if sales for the year are to match even the 1.59 million recorded last year.

Sales in the South were depressed severely in the first four months of the year, ac cording to the Retail Motor Industry Federation which represents 12,000 car dealers. Sales in the North were down 0.5 per cent. The biggest increase was in Central Scotland, where sales rose by 14.6 per cent, while overall sales in Scotland fell by 3.2

Ford's market share this May dropped from 25.66 per cent last year to 19.62 per hall's 17.27. The strongest performance came from Peugeot Talbot, which increased sales from 8,524 in May last year to 10,075, up share of 8.27 per cent.

Rover also recovered from its bad start to the year, reviving to an 11.48 per cent

Last month's top ten cars were: 1, Ford Escort (8.450); 2, Rover 200 (8,230); 3, Vauxhall Astra (7,176); 4 Vauxhali Cavalier (7,080); 5, Ford Fiesta (6,635); 6, Ford Sierra (5,277): 7, Rover Metro (5,223); 8, Vauxhali Nova (4,454); 9, Peugeot 405 (4,130); 10, Volkswagen Golf

☐ Foreign cars dominate the best buy section of the latest Which? Guide to New and Used Cars. The Peugeot 205 range for the seventh year. The Toyota Corolla and the Mazda 323 are top small family cars. The best large family car is the Nissan Primera, built at Washington, Tyne and Wear.



Inside view: Lucy Willis with the painting of inmates of Shepton Mallet prison, in Somerset, that has won her the BP Portrait of the Year award, worth £10,000. Miss Willis, who was artist in residence

at the jail when she painted Her Majesty's Pleasure, was presented with her prize vesterday by Sir Michael Checkland, BBC directorgeneral Miss Willis, 37, of Burrowbridge. Somerset, also received

Portrait Gallery for a study of a well-known person for its contemporary collection. The £4,000 second prize was won by Alec Chanda, a picture framer, for Minnie with

went to Ishbel Myerscough for Richard (Hairy Man). An exhibition of shortlisted works, and 48 others from the 631 entries, is at the gallery until September 6.

Water companies cut off 22,000 for non-payment

AN ALARMING number of vulnerable people on low incomes have been left without water after the recently privatised industry imposed big price increases.

A damning indictment of the industry's business practices by the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux yesterday coincided with the disclosure that 22,000 homes have had their supply cut off for non-payment of bills in the past financial year. The figure, revealed by the industry's watchdog Ofwat, is three times higher than the year before.

In a submission to Ofwat, the advice bureaux say that rising charges have led to the debt and calls for tougher safeguards against the companies. The report comes amid record profits by the companies. Thames Water this week announced a profit of £236 million and a 10 per cent dividend rise to 19.2p per share to its shareholders.

Motoring L&T section, page 9 Ann Abraham, chief execu-

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tive of the advice bureaux, said yesterday: "Water is a vital service and immediate action must be taken to ensure that it remains available and affordable to vulnerable members of the community, in particular those on low incomes and elderly and disabled people.

With water rates now more expensive item than the community charge for some householders, the advice bureaux say that "water debt" had become a significantly bigger financial difficulty for people who sought their advice than tax and telephone debt and social fund

Around the country, the rganisation's advisers are dealing with 55,000 water debt appeals for help from the public each year.

Criticism also came yesterday from the National Consumer Council, which described the disconnection figures as horrifying and said: "As water charges are bound to rise in future, the problem will only get worse." Ian Byatt, director general of water services, said: "These are very worrying figures. We have now issued guidelines to make sure companies make every effort to minimise the number of customers served with summonses and then disconnected.

"I will not permit com-panies to raise their charges to cover their bad debts. This would not be fair on those who have paid. As the companies are monopoly suppliers of an essential service. they must make every effort to help customers who may have difficulty in paying to The advice bureaux want

the immediate introduction of an accessible and instalment payment method for to the customer; a ceiling on the cost of water for metered timetable of arrears procedures to allow customers time to negotiate and make arrangements to pay; the introduction of a less aggressive policy on court summonses and disconnection; the amendment of the companies' licence from Ofwat to ensure disconnection only occurs after a court has decided there has been wilful refusal or culpable neglect by the customer to pay, and acceptance by the director general of a duty to investigate companies who breach the

The advice bureaux say that there is no benefit rebate to help poor people pay for water while increases to income support have failed to reflect the steep rise in domestic water bills. Their report adds: "Our evidence shows there is a pressing need for the director general to look for further safeguards against disconnection for certain groups of customers." Selfdisconnections were expected

with resulting health hazards. Ann Taylor, Labour shadow minister for environmental protection, said the disconnection figures showed some companies were pursuing a "vindictive and draconian" policy. She added: "It further undermines confidence in the ability of the water companies to treat their industry as a vital public

Watchdog under pressure

IAN Byatt, the director general of Ofwat, the water industry's watchdog, publishes his third annual report next Tuesday amid public concern over water shortages, disconnections and rising charges

(Michael Horsnell writes). A 20 per cent increase in charges in real terms since privatisation in 1989 and the disclosure that the men who run Britain's water companies will enjoy share perks worth nearly £20 million next January have added to the problem.
As Thames Water an-

nounced record profits of E236 million, up 11 per cent, Mr Byan's organisation remained silent about what it is doing to ensure a fair deal for the consumer, although it is carrying out a survey into hardship and encouraging a cut-back in the rate of disconnections. Complaints about the industry, mainly about pricing, are believed to have doubled in a year to 10,000. Mr Byatt, aged 60, a former Treasury economic adviser who was married to the

enjoys painting when he can escape the pressure of water. has had to try to keep down charges that were already set to increase well ahead of in-flation to fund the industry's £30 billion capital investment programme. His difficulties have been worsened by demands from Europe for environmental improvement, and from the industry's other regulator, the National Rivers



Byatt: successfully beating anonymity

staff of 134, has had to bal-ance his obligations to consumers against demands by the water companies for sufficient funds to provide water services and as well as give a proper rate of return to its investors. Although only 16 per cent of consumers recently questioned were aware of Ofwat's existence Mr Byatt has managed to overcome the anonymity which accompanied him into the role three

years ago. A product of Oxford and Harvard, he lectured in economics before joining the civil service in 1967 where he specialised in the regulation of public utilities. He joined the education department as senior economic adviser. transferred to the ministry of housing and became deputy chief economic adviser at the Treasury in 1972.

Ofwat cut the water bill to the public last year by £40 million and is undertaking a comprehensive price review for 1994, the first year allowed under the Water Act.

beaches to lose blue flags By Lin Jenkins

British

MORE than half of the British resorts awarded blue flags last year for the cleanliness of their beaches will lose the honour next month after the introduction of tougher criteria on dirty water.

Only 17 beaches will retain their blue flags. Among those who lose the EC top beach symbol are Camber Sands and Bexhill in East Sussex and Bournemouth and Swanage in Dorset. Woolacombe in Devon and Sheerness in Kent retain their

Yesterday the National Rivers Authority released figures beaches reaching the EC minimum standard of cleanliness had fallen last year on the previous year. Of 414 tested in England and Wales 312 complied with the EC directive levels.

Dr Jan Pentreath, the authority's chief scientist, said that the decline in the number of bathing waters meeting the criteria had been due to the cooler, wetter conditions last year which lowered the rate at which bacteria died.

Conservationists, however, say that in dry conditions the density of bacteria would be even greater.

He claims that holidaymakers have aiready been confused by the decision of the Tidy Britian Group. which administers the blue flag scheme in the UK, to introduce the Seaside awards scheme which entitles resorts to fly one of a number of flags. somewhat suprising coloured different shades of blue, depending on the ranking they

Those awarded the blue flag were: Magilligan beach, Benone, and Cranfiled, both in Northern Ireland; Cefn Sidan, at Penbrey and Tenby North in Dyfed: Sutton-on-Sea, Skegness and Mablethorpe in Lincolnshire; Meadfoot, Oddicombe, Seaton and Woolacombe in Devon: Sennan Cove and Crinnis leisure centre, Cornwall; Sandbanks and Weymouth in Dorset; Sheerness, Kent and West Beacheslands,

Carey puts fear of God into the City

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. gave top financiers another lecture in Christian ethics yesterday, continuing his campaign to bring a renewed morality to City life. In the historic Wren church of St Lawrence Jewry, in the heart of the City, Dr Carey spelled out his belief that self-interest could not be the only motivating force in human behaviour.

Delivering the annual Golden lecture. sponsored by the Haberdashers' Company. Dr Carey said: "We need some frame of reference other than self-interest to make sense of self-giving." One finan-

cier said afterwards that some had attended the talk expecting threats of eternal damnation for businessmen who paid themselves too much. Last month, at a service at Derby cathedral to mark the advent of the single European market. Dr Carey condemned big pay increases during a recession.

But the Archbishop was in forgiving mood yesterday. He told his audience, nearly all men, that the fear of hell was once believed to be a powerful incentive towards honesty and truth, but the doctrine of everlasting punishment of the wicked had been in serious decline for

more than a century.

Contemporary Christians preferred to focus on the God of forgiveness and love,

rather than the God of vengeance and judgment. Dr Carey said he believed this did greater justice to the teaching of Jesus Christ, but the decline of belief in everlasting punishment had coincided with attempts to separate religion and morality. Dr Carey said society could not afford to neglect the link between God, goodness and justice.

Ruth Fry, an analyst at the Bank of England and one of the few women in church, said the lecture was thought-provoking. "He definitely has something to say to the City. I wish he would do it more often." Stephen Tanner, who works for a merchant bank, said that it was possible to do good without damaging a company's bottom line.

NEWS IN BRIEF ...

Cucumber farmers seek compensation

Irish cucumber producers, whose £1-million-a-year industry faces collapse after the Dublin government last week warned the public to avoid the fruit because of an outbreak of food poisoning, met the Irish agriculture minister yesterday to

The outbreak struck down 29 people in separate parts of the country and three children were taken to hospital Representatives of the Irish Farmers' Association met Liam Hyland in Dublin to discuss what could be done to help the 100 cucumber producers in the republic. They face financial ruin if the reason for the food poisoning outbreak is not discovered soon. The Irish health department has discounted an earlier hypothesis that the cause was a genetic abnormality among the cucumbers eaten. It is concentrating on testing for chemical causes. There have also been ormal discussions with producers in Holland, which is a main exporter of cucumbers to the republic.

Meanwhile, cucumbers have been withdrawn from many supermarkets and stores. Irish producers, concentrated mostly in the Dublin, Meath, Louth and Cork areas, have been left with thousands of boxes of unwanted cucumbers. A health warning advising people against eating cucumbers has also been issued in Northern Ireland.

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Monkey rustling gang strikes at third zoo

yesterday is believed to be the work of professional monkey rustlers who have now struck three times in the past three weeks. Managers at Twycross Zoo have offered a £1,000 reward to help them to find the monkeys which they believe are in the hands of raiders who have recently broken into zoos in Winchester, and Combe Martin, Devon. The squirrel monkeys taken yesterday are valued at £5,000 but could fetch substantially more if sold as exotic pets.

Molly Badham, Twycross Zoo's director, said that the rustlers had taken mothers and their babies that were likely to suffer away from the care of 200 staff. "The poor things are probably stuffed in some box somewhere. Many of the monkeys were born and bred at Twycross and will not cope outside the zoo environment. The raiders knew what they were after. They went straight to the monkey house, broke in, and must have netted the animals to take them away. We think it is part of a series of raids across the country and is linked with thefts at Marwell and Combe Martin.

Queen reopens square

The Queen officially opened Leicester Square yesterday after a three-year, £4 million improvement project by Westminster city council. The famous London square has alternated between extremes of glamour and squalor in the last 300 years and in recent years the squalid side has been most in evidence (John Young writes). The council described the project as a landmark in its drive to restore civic pride to the capital. David Weeks, the council's leader, said: "I am delighted that the Queen has consented to reopen the square, as this underlines the importance of the project." The square takes its name from the Earl of Leicester who acquired the property in the early 17th century. Until then it had been open fields, under the protection of the Abbot of Westminster and the medieval Convent of St Peter's.

Service station concern

Motorway service areas should not be allowed to expand to include retail and leisure developments, the Countryside Commission says. Replying to the government's proposals to deregulate service areas, the commission says that the service stations should provide fuel, food, free short term parking, lavatories, information, telephones and picnic areas, and no more. A similar view has been expressed by the Council for the Protection of Rural England. The commission welcomes the government's intention to improve the quality of service areas but it opposes the suggestion that they should be built at more frequent intervals. The commission says that if a service area is justified within a national park or area of outstanding natural beauty, it should provide only essential needs: fuel, telephones and lavatories.

Gift from young guns



Andrew Barber, above, one of a team of apprentices at Roll-Royce, which yesterday gave to Whitefriars museum in Coventry a scale model of an Elizabethan cannon used in the Civil War. The model of the culverin, made by the engineering apprentices in their training workshop at Coventry Technical College and which took nine weeks and 350 man-hours to complete, will be added to the Royal Armouries travelling exhibition of Civil War arms and armour, sponsored by *The Times*, which opens at Whitefriars tomorrow. Others involved in the project were Dean Blazye, Grant Morrell and Simon Bauliss. The exhibition, which includes the personal armour of King Charles I, broke all records at its previous venue, the Town Docks Museum in Hull, where it was seen by 54,000 people.

Bird dealer fined

A part-time bird dealer was fined £2,000 and given a six month jail sentence suspended for two years yesterday for his part in sending 11 rare and valuable parrots by airmail post from Australia to England packed head to tail in cardboard tubes 18in long and 3in wide. Magistrates at Cannock. Staffordshire, were told that the birds mutilated each other before they died during the six day journey. The parcel had been labelled as containing a tent. At an earlier hearing Christopher Turner, 42, a foundry worker from Norton Canes, Staffordshire, had admitted evading EC controls on the import and export of parrots. Martin Barber, from Cannock, his accomplice in the plan to smuggle the parrots, which are listed as endangered, has been jailed for six

Advert rules tightened

Political claims in advertisements would have to be substantiated under proposals from the Advertising Standards Authority. The proposals, out for consultation, would mean that a charity appealing for funds to stop the destruction of the rainforests by claiming that such action was responsible for the greenhouse effect would have to deliver scientific proof to the watchdog. Unions would have to substantiate claims in advertisements critical of government policies. The British Code of Advertising Practice # present prevents the authority from investigating complaints about misleading claims in advertisements deemed "political". The authority hopes to make the change next month. Political party advertisements and those putting a case during an election will remain exempt.

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Aids study 25m cases

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> Miss Hillman's mother, Eileen Hillman, 44, said: "She was trying to say that I was not there and she was trying to raise the money to extend the negotiations and

"I felt nervous, but at no

time were they rude or

threatening. They just asked

us to get the money togeth-

er." Her father, John Hill-

man. 49, was seized on

Friday last week in the

southern Nigerian town of

Onitsha as he carried out a

deal for an associate. He was

eventually freed unharmed

on Tuesday.
Police in Mr Hillman's

home town of Wigan, Great-

er Manchester, disclosed

yesterday that his captors

had originally demanded £290,000, which was later revised to £190,000. Most

was to come from Mr Hill-

man's associate, identified

yesterday only as Darrel from the West Midlands,

but the kidnappers demand-

ed £20,000 from the family.

Chief Superintendent

Norman Collinson, of

Greater Manchester police,

praised Miss Hillman's

calmness in handling the

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BY PAUL WILKINSON THE teenage daughter of a buy time. The police got us dered. We were on a knife British businessman kidthrough those four days. 1 napped in Nigeria told yesdon't know how but they did. We just tried to carry on terday how she took time off from revising for her A levels as normally as possible, doto negociate a ransom with ing the cleaning and her father's captors. Claire Hillman, 18, said: Hoovering. It was a question

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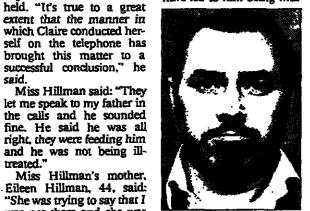
negotiate ransom for kidnapped father

Police said later that Mr Hillman had been beaten with the flat of a machete blade by one of his three captors. He was not seriously hurt. The two others had a shotgun and a flick knife.

of trying to keep a clear

Mr Hillman had taken a few days off from his job as production manager with a kelmersdale food company to travel to Nigeria as a favour to his friend, who had told him that he was too busy to go himself.

He was expecting to col-lect a banker's draft but in-stead was told that there were snags. He was flown up country from the capital, Lagos, and taken to a block of flats in Onitsha. "There the atmosphere changed dramatically," Mr Collinson said. "The calls to his family never actually mentioned a death threat, but it was obvious from their nature his life was in danger. We had to be very discreet in what we did. Any mistake we made could have led to him being mur-



John Hillman: beaten with machete blade

edge as to the way we had to conduct the enquiry." Nigerian police were investigating what had caused the transaction to go wrong.

Mr Collinson said he had spoken to Mr Hillman yesterday and he appeared to be fit and well. He is expected to fly home today after helping Nigerian police investigating the case. Mrs Hillman also spoke to

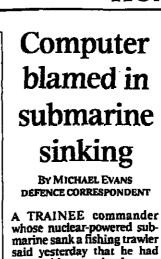
her husband. She said: "He said he knew I was there all the time, even though Claire was telling them I had gone to raise the money. He was trying to tell them Claire was only a young girl and he couldn't pressurise her. But he realised it was just a ploy to keep the negotiations going.'

Asked to sum up her husband's character, Mrs Hill-man laughed and described him as "stroppy". But she said: "He would bear up to something like this very well. He is very intelligent and strong willed."

The Hillmans contacted police on Sunday after receiving the first calls. Offi-cers from Greater Manchester, the West Mid-lands and Interpol and the Nigerian police pooled in-formation from all sides of the investigation. Mr Collinson said that Darrel had also received a number of calls from Nigeria and a fax message

He would not say how Mr Hillman had been traced to the flats. On Tuesday, Nigerian police stormed the building and released him. They are interrogating five men, all Nigerians. Mr Collinson said that he

was asking Miss Hillman's examining board whether anything could be done to help her to make up for her missed revision when she takes A levels in psychology, sociology and geography.



placed his trust in the vessel's computer system.

Lieutenant Commander Peter McDonnell said that the computer on board Trenchant indicated that they were at least three miles and 40 minutes away from a collision with the trawler Antares. The submarine snagged the nets of the fishing vessel. which was dragged to the bottom of the Firth of Clyde. drowning the four-man crew, in November 1990. Lt Cdr McDonnell, 33,

from Glossop. Derbyshire, told a court martial in Devonport that his genera-tion of submariners preferred to rely on the com-puter. Earlier, a senior submarine captain told the hearing that the manual plotting system was more trust-worthy in busy waters. Lt Cdr McDonnell, who de-

nies six charges of negli-gence, said he had not known that Trenchant had passed close to the Antares and another boat five minutes before he ordered the submarine to turn around and head back towards them.

He told the hearing that he did not think he was qualified to be in charge of Trenchant unsupervised. He denied that he was not paying attention to his work or that he had been in deep conversation with a fellow

trainee. He said that when he unwittingly turned Trenchant on to a collision course with the Antares, he knew the trawler was there but the submarine's computer system told him it was 6,300 yards away. He did not re-member checking the tradi-tional manual plot.

The hearing continues. ☐ Department of Trade officials yesterday interviewed the captain of a container ship that collided with the Royal Navy submarine Opportune near the Isle of Wight. The submarine was on the surface at the time.

Stratford governors drop charges The governors of Stratford

School, east London, have agreed to drop disciplinary charges against Anne Snelling, the head teacher, and to propher costs at the end and to pay her costs at the end of the long-running legal battle over the management of the opt-out school (Matthew d'Ancona writes).

The High Court yesterday approved the settlement of the dispute, which was effectively resolved last week when Ghulam Shaida, chairman of he had fabricated assault charges against Mrs

The governors agreed not to interfere in the management of the school. The head teacher withdrew an injunction barring them from the school during lesson time.

£8m toy fraud

Two senior executives who ran one of Britain's largest independent manufacturing companies producing toys and games were jailed at Oxford Crown Court yesterday for an E8million fraud. Managing Director Brian George, of Henley, was jailed for 4's years and Roger Richardson, 36, former head of finance, was jailed for three years. They admitted trading fraudulently for three years while running Action Games and Toys based in Abingdon and Henley in Oxfordshire.

Britain behind

Britain is trailing America. Japan and Germany in the training of graduate engineers, harming the prospects for economic recovery, a report for the Engineering Council says. The number of British graduates rose be-tween 1983 and 1988 but the other three countries were far

Families' plea

Lawyers for the families of eight Ayrshire children taken into care two years ago in a sex abuse investigation are seeking a government enquiry, saying that new evidence has emerged, and a Court of

Aids study predicts 25m cases by 2000

By Alison Roberts

A NEW study of the world Aids epidemic may make Britons take it more seriously. experts said yesterday.

The study predicts that more than 25 million people will have Aids by 2000 and that up to 120 million will be HIV positive. The figures are much higher than those given by the World Health Organisation which has estimated that there will be ten million Aids cases and 30-40 million people infected by the same

The Harvard University report, using research from 30 epidemiologists around the world, focuses on the potential explosion of the epidemic in Asia. It says that within eight years 42 per cent of all

Aids infections will be in Asia. and draws attention to the growing infected population in Thailand, India and Burma where one million people are believed to be HIV positive. A new global strategy is urgently needed to stop the epidemic, it says.

Julian Meldrum, research and information officer for the National Aids Trust, said that most people in Britain were still not taking the epidemic seriously and that the report might counteract some of the "recent dotty theorising". He said: "I do

not think that many people have even begun to grasp what the implications of the disease are for the world." Thomas Netter, an editor of the study, said: "When we see this accelerating increase and a response lacking, we think there is potential for a lot of danger. Health systems become wrecked, land becomes depopulated, the economically productive

members of society die off."

The study, which will be published later this year, identifies 57 countries which have largely escaped the epi-demic so far, but where the risk of Aids spread is high, including Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia and Irao. It says that 2.6 million people already have Aids and at least 13 million are HIV positive; the WHO puts Aids sufferers at 1.5 million with up to 11 million infected.

Scientists link nerve disorder to gene flaw

Freedom celebration: Claire and Eileen Hillman

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH scientists have found a genetic link between Parkinson's disease, a debilitating nerve disorder that tends to manifest itself in later life, and chemicals in the environment.

The find, by researchers with the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and scientists in Birmingham and London, indicates that some people are much more at risk of developing Parkinson's because of genetic flaws on one or more of their genes. The flaws undermine the natural ability of their bodies to remove pow-erful chemicals, allowing these to attack cells in a key part of the brain.

The researchers, whose findings are published in The Lancet, estimate that people with the flawed gene are more than twice as likely to develop Parkinson's.

A team of molecular biolosists led by Professor Roland Wolf, head of the charity's molecular pharmacology group in Edinburgh, con-ducted the research with clinicians co-ordinated by Professor Nigel Leigh at the Institute of Psychiatry in London.

Researchers have suspected for some time that flaws or a flaw on the p450 gene might put people at risk of the disease. Some Parkinson's sufferers are unable to break down a drug routinely used for treating hypertension that has been linked

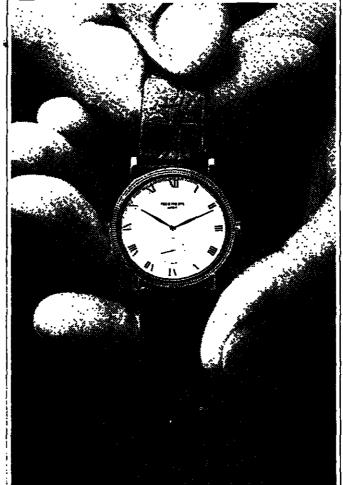
with that gene. Scientists have theorised that the inability to break down the drug might underpin a general inability to break down key chemicals

that attack brain cells. The new research, covering nearly 230 sufferers of the disease, has identified the flaws on the gene responsi-ble, confirming the research-ers' suspicions. Discovering the genetic mutations has been made possible by a DNA test developed by the charity's team of genetics

Dr Christopher Smith, a member of the fund's Edinburgh team, said yesterday. "If you look at these findings you still find Parkinson's sufferers that do not carry this mutated gene. What we are saying it is one of the genetic susceptibility factors

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Each week throughout the summer, The Times and LBC will bring you news of last minute bargains available for travellers to France. The latest

information on bookings, flights, traffic delays and holiday ideas. This weekend's bank holi-

day in France means that roads will be crowded and that many shops will be closed until Tuesday. The scheduled ending of the French Open tennis championship has led to evening lights from Paris on Sunday being heavily booked.

The AA says that traffic will be heavy on main roads in He de France with congestion likely in Lille, Lyon, Mar-seille, Toulouse and Bor-

OFFERS

 Thomas Cook is offering a seven night camping holiday from Cosmos at Mar Estang in the South of France for £49 per adult and £29 per child. leaving London by coach on Monday and returning on June 17.

Network SouthEast and Sealink Stena Line are combining to offer day trips to Calais by train and ferry from 222. Railcard holders are entitled to further discounts.





Stop Press News at 6.50pm today on

LBC 1414 97.3

Paris Travel Service has cut £50 from the price of its short breaks to Paris, reducing the cost of a three night stay to £129 including return flights from Gatwick and accommodation with breakfast in a two

FLIGHTS

 BA says that flights to and from Lyon, Paris and Nice have plenty of seats available but that flights to and from Bordeaux, Marseille and Toulouse are almost fully

booked. Air France flights from Heathrow to Paris and Nice are heavily booked this evening (Friday) Plenty of seats are, however, available on flights from Heathrow to Marseille and Lyon.

T.A.T. the French independent airline, is offering a round-trip fare of £160 from Gatwick to Paris or Lyon. British Midland has return flights from Heathrow to Paris at £133 and unsold seats on all its French services this coming week,

FERRIES

● P&O European Ferries will carry its five millionth passenger of the year this weekend. All sailings from Dover are busy so the company recommends early reservations.

Hoverspeed is offering a £49 special day return fare for car and four passengers between Folkestone and Boulogne this weekend.

RATES

• Travelex, which has bureaux de change at the main air and seaports, says that the franc is steady against the pound with exchange rates between 10.35 and 10.40 when buying and 9.48 and 9.52 when selling.

 The Times columnist Peter Barnard will be interviewed by Angela Rippon on LBC Newstalk's Drivetime programme next Thursday, June

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Guy's starts trials on breast cancer therapy

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

encouraging, scientists say.

Discovery of a molecule

called mucin has raised hopes

of an immunisation against

cancer. Mucin is present in

cells of the breast and in 90

per cent of breast cancer cells.

Mucin in cancer cells differs

from normal mucin, and the

differences may provide tar-

gets for immunotherapy to

per cent for those aged 40 and above.

A PROMISING new treatment for breast cancer, which harnesses the body's defences to fight the disease, is about to start trials in Britain. If successful, the treatment could lead to the development of an immunisation against cancer for women at high risk.

The new form of immunotherapy will be tried on 40 patients at Guy's hospital. London, who have had a recurrence of cancer several years after treatment. Early results from Canada, where a

women can expect to become pregnant and 45 per cent will

The body does not recognise the cancer version of the molecule as sufficiently differ-

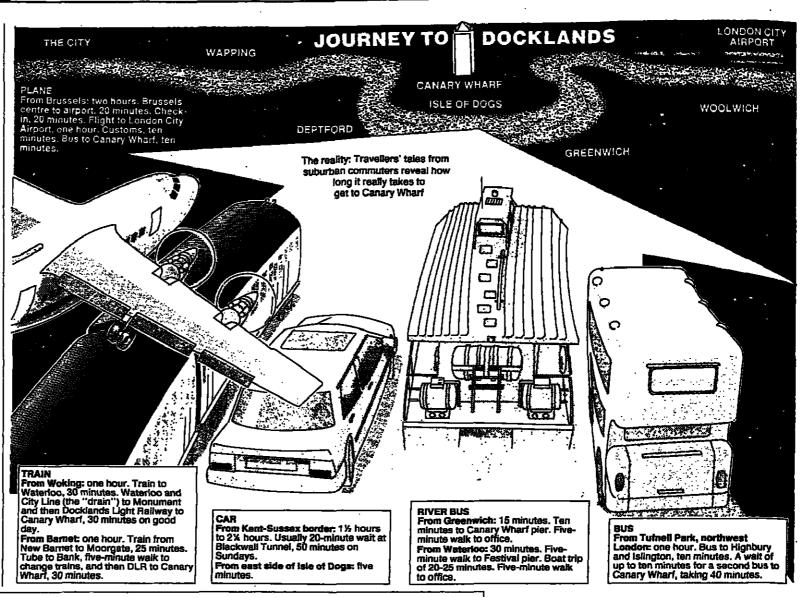
Study traces IVF rate THE success rate of in-vitro

fertilisation treatment decycles of treatment. clines greatly once a woman The study, carried out over passes the age of 34, accordfour and a half years at the Hallam Medical Centre in ing to a new study of more than 2,500 women (Jeremy London, aims to provide patients with a guide to the probability of successful in-vitro fertilisation. It shows Laurance writes). Up to the age of 34, however, the treatment is almost as successful as normal methods that women aged between 35 of conception in fertile couand 39 have a 28.9 per cent chance of producing a baby after five cycles of IVF treatples. The research, published in The Lancet this week, ment. The figure falls to 14.4 shows that 55 per cent of

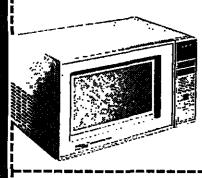
similar trial is under way, are ent to allow it to mount an attack.

Now, scientists led by Joyce Taylor-Papadimitriou, head of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's epithelial cell biology laboratory, have identified the main chemical building blocks of mucin. They hope that giving patients a portion of the molecule will help the body to recognise mucin in cancer cells as abnormal and stimulate the immune system to attack the tumour. The immunisation would be given in part of the body far from the turnour so that it would escape turnours' "oppressive influence" on immune responses while stimulating the white blood cells to attack it.

Announcing the study at the launch of a campaign by the fund to improve public knowledge of breast cancer, scientists countered criticism that the death rate from breast cancer had failed to fall despite decades of research. "There have been dramatic advances in our understanding of cancer," Sir Walter Bodmer, the directorgeneral of the fund, said.



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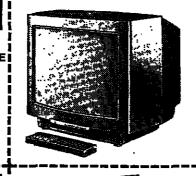
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Strain and pain that dog the long trek east

Transport difficulties will mean that civil. servants moving to Docklands will not be arriving in a hurry, Nicholas Watt writes

THE 2,000 civil servants who will swap their plum central London location for the outer reaches of Docklands by the end of next year have been warned by the pioneers who already commute eastward to expect an often gruelling journey.

The traffic congestion at Canary Wharf can be so severe that it often takes an hour to leave Docklands. Gareth Williams, a freelance chef, said: "A taxi ride back home to Putney once cost me £72 because it took an hour just to clear Docklands. My ideal way of travelling to Ca-nary Wharf would be in my own boat."

Sleeping bags are a must if the mandarins have to work late and do not have a car. The last Docklands Light Railway service leaves Canary Wharf at 9.17pm, while the final river bus is at

7.45pm. Officials at Michael Howard's environment department will entice staff to move by negotiating with the Treasury for better transport links. Today, planes, trains, buses, cars and boats all make the trek to Docklands. though at differing speeds and levels of comfort. Kerry-Ann Lewis sets out

on the Tube at 8.30am from Earls Court. "I take the District Line to Monument which takes about 30 minutes. The Docklands Light Railway [DLR] then takes 15 minutes on a good day. I arrive at Canary Wharf before 9.30am. My weekly pass costs £10.90." Andrew Smith, a computer

consultant at Morgan Stanley, lives in Kingsbury, "I'm still experimenting on the best route, but at the moment I catch the tube at 8am from Hendon Central to Bank. I then catch the DLR to Canary Wharf. On a good day the journey takes an hour but this morning it took me an hour and 20 minutes. My journey costs £3 a day."

Andrew Hutchinson, managing editor of The Daily

Telegraph, lives in Woking "I leave home between 7.50 and 8.05 and catch the train to Waterloo between 8.20 and 8.40 which takes 30 minutes. I then catch the Waterioo and City Line to Bank where I catch the DLR. On a good day, I can be at Canary Wharf 30 minutes after getting off the train at Waterloo. The journey costs [44.70 a week."

Keith Lau, who works for the State Street Bank Trust in the Canary Wharf tower, lives in Barnet. "I catch the 7.10 Network SouthEast train from New Barnet to Moorgate which takes about 25 minutes. I then take the Northern Line one stop to Bank where I catch the DLR to Canary Wharf. The journey takes me about one hour. For the last three months the DLR service has been improving a lot. The journey costs me £880 a year.

Commuters from Belgium can arrive in Docklands in only two hours. A taxi from the centre of Brussels to the airport takes 20 minutes. Then there is 20 minutes to check in and wait for the flight to London City airport. which takes an hour. Add ten minutes to clear customs and ten minutes to Canary Wharf by a special shuttle bus. The car journey from the

Kent-Sussex border can take up to two and a quarter hours. David Sapsted, who works for The Daily Telegraph, lives there and usually has a one and a haif hour drive to Canary Wharf. "There is usually a 20 minute queue at the Blackwall tunnel. The worst journey I've had took me two and a quarter hours, while on Sundays it takes just 50 minutes."

But Steve Rumsey, who works for the consultancy firm Lehrer McGovern, has a five minute drive to the ofnce. He used to commu from Brighton but gave up and bought a flat on the Isle of Dogs.

The most leisurely way is by River Bus. David Black, who lives in Blackheath and works for The Daily Telegraph, said: "I set off on foot through Greenwich Park at 9.30am. I catch the River Bus at 9.55 which takes ten minutes to Docklands. I get to the office between 10.15 and 10.20. That is much quicker than when I used to work in central London."

Nicholas Andrews, who lives in Leatherhead, Surrey, said: "I leave home at 7.05



Howard: department is earmarked for move

and catch the 7.20 to Waterloo which arrives at 8. I usually catch the River Bus from the Festival Pier at 8.20 which takes 20 to 25 minutes to get to Canary Wharf. The River Bus costs £22 a week and the train costs me £29.60 a week. The River Bus is also a very relaxing way to

One bus traveller said that her journey was much easier than travelling to central London. Sarah Faulkner, who lives in Tufnell Park. catches two buses to Canary Wharf. "I catch a bus at 8.30 to Highbury and Islington which takes about ten minutes. I then catch the 277 to Docklands which takes 40 minutes. At most there is a ten minute wait for that bus-This costs £2 a day and is a much better journey than travelling to the West End."

Civil servants will be relieved that the environment department is planning to provide parking space at Docklands. The car park under Cabot Square costs £27 for seven to ten hours. while a three month season ticket costs £1,125.

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Judges blame scientists, lawyers, DPP and police

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

London, had suppressed evi-

dence about tests which

showed that boot polish could

produce findings showing

traces of nitroglycerine. Mr

Elliott had given a mislead-

ing statement about the

amount of nitroglycerine

found on swabs taken from

The conclusions of Frank

Skuse, the Home Office fo-rensic scientist whose meth-

ods were discredited in the

Birmingham Six case, were dismissed as wrong.

Lord Justice Nolan said

that the whole approach of

West Yorkshire police was

wrong. The force had sent

only 225 out of 1,700 state-

ments it had acquired to the

Director of Public Prosecu-

tions. Some of the material

indicated Miss Ward's ten-

dency to fantasise and con-

tained information that the

defence had been entitled to

The judgment strongly criticised the late Det Chief Supt

George Oldfield, the officer who led the enquiry, for not

disclosing a series of interviews held with Miss Ward.

Lord Justice Nolan also

criticised the way Brian

Walsh, a junior counsel in the

prosecution team and now a leading QC, and Michael Bibby, an offical in the DPP's

office and now a senior offi-

cial in the Crown Prosecution

Service, handled material.

They had not disclosed a

statement by Miss Ward that was crucial to shedding light

Lord Justice Nolan said Dr

Frederick Lawson, principal

medical officer at Risley re-

mand centre, had not dis-

closed a second suicide

Photograph, page

attempt by Miss Ward.

Miss Ward.

JUDITH Ward won total vic- ment at Woolwich, southeast tory in her appeal yesterday after three judges strongly criticised the police, government scientists, the DPP's office and junior counsel for

their handling of her case.

The Court of Appeal judges ruled that the failure by the police, the director of public prosecutions and scientists to disclose evidence was a material irregularity in the case. Lords Justices Glidewell, Nolan and Steyn formally quashed as "unsafe and unsatisfactory" Miss Ward's convictions and life sentence for the M62 IRA coach bombing and two other

mainland explosions. The Crown had already conceded the other two grounds of her appeal — the unreliability of her confessions and of the scientific evidence purporting to show that she had handled explosives. Miss Ward, aged 43, sat next to her solicitor as the judges took four and half hours to read a 139-page judgment which was devas-tating in its criticism of the

prosecuting authorities. The judgment said that the non-disclosure of evidence could have altered the course of the trial at Wakefield Crown Court in 1974 of Miss Ward, from Stockport, Greater Manchester.

Reserving their strongest condemnation for three prosecution forensic science witnesses, the judges accused them of acting in concert in withholding evidence. Douglas Higgs, principal scientific officer, the late Walter Elliott, higher scientific officer and George Berryman, higher scientific officer, had misled

prosecution and defence. The men, employed at the Royal Armament Research and Development Establish-



Nolan, left, and Steyn: evidence was withheld

Prisoners

hope for

a move

PROPOSALS to transfer re-

publican prisoners convicted

of offences in Britain to jails

One prisoner. Ronald

McCartney, sentenced to life imprisonment for conspiring

to cause explosions, has been sent to a jail in the province

on what is known as "long

term temporary transfer". Prisoners are eligible for a

temporary transfer if they have not had visits while in mainland jails. Campaigners

within the Irish community

want this facility to be extend-

ed to others convicted of para-

About 60 prisoners are

understood to want a transfer

so that they can be closer to

their families. Almost all the

32 convicted of paramilitary

crime want to transfer, in-

duding some who come from the Irish Republic.

Officials at the Home Of-

fice. Scottish Office and

Northern Ireland Office have

completed a review that is

aimed at overcoming the le-

gal difficulties on transferring

prisoners to the province.

Transfers are allowed under

the Criminal Justice Act 1961

but any prisoner transferred

permanently to the province

is treated in terms of release

as if sentenced in Northern

ireland where different regulations exist, particularly for

those serving life sentences.

Any permanent transfer under existing law would re-

sult in a substantial reduction

in a prisoner's time in jail.

military offences.

IRA trial ends in near-farce

FROM IAN MURRAY
IN DUSSELDORF

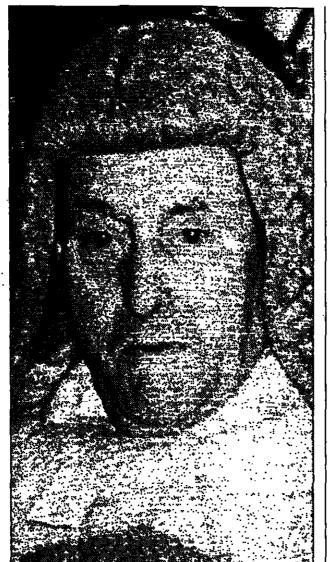
in Northern Ireland are to be THE first trial in Germany put to government ministers against suspected IRA within the next few weeks paramilitaries ended in (Richard Ford writes). near-farce yesterday when in the wake of yesterday's the one remaining prisoner was given two and a half quashing of Judith Ward's conviction. Irish prisoners' years after 21 months of hearings in which 180 witorganisations are to increase pressure on the government to transfer the 32 prisoners serving sentences for paramilitary trime to the Maze and Maghaberry jails. nesses gave evidence at a cost of millions of marks.

Gerard Hanratty, 33, who has been in custody since September 1988, grinned broadly as he was given a sentence which will allow him to walk free if the Ger-man constitutional court now rules that he cannot be extradited to Britain.

The prosecutor had asked for a life sentence for Hanratty, 33, for his alleged involvement in the bombings of two British army bases in which nearly 50 people were injured. But the court had already ruled that the evidence linking him with the paramilitary acts was inadequate. The case had had to proceed solely on charges of illegal possession of arms, for which the maximum actions are solved to the solution of the soluti mum sentence was less than the time he had spent in

custody. Hanratty and Terence McGeough, also 33, who was extradited to the United States last month, were caught during an IRA cam-paign. The IRA had admit-ted shooting and killing British servicemen in Holland and Belgium and plant-ing car bombs in Germany at the BAOR headquarters in Rheindahlen and at a bar-

racks in Duisburg.
Weapons found inside
Hanratty and McGeough's car included an AK47 machine gun. Tests showed that it had been used in two altacks on soldiers in the previous two months.



Glidewell: unsafe and unsatisfactory conviction

'I was weak and immature, insecure, a bit of an idiot'

AS JUDITH Ward prepared They have to be called to Sinn Fein meetings but did not think she had been a and Ireland to tell people about her case, she spoke last night of her anger at having spent more than 18 years in prison for a crime she did not commit (Richard Ford

In the three weeks since she was given bail, Miss Ward has been rediscovering the joy of freedom and trying to forget her years of institutional life. "I try not to get bitter because you feel if you get too bitter it starts to eat you up. But I get very angry about it," she said.

She began to hope that she might be freed when she saw the releases of the Guildford Four and Birmingham Six on television. "I knew that my turn was coming because of the discredited forensic

Miss Ward, wearing one of several large hats she has bought since being freed. smoked throughout a 40-minute interview in which she denounced the IRA's present bombing campaign, admitted attending Sinn Fein meetings in the early seventies and said of those responsible for not disclosing material at the time of her trial: "They're bad boys.

Speaking on Irish television, Miss Ward said that she was planning to live in Islington, north London and had had little difficulty adapting to changes that had happened since she was jailed at Wakefield Crown

Court in November 1974. "I have done a lot of shopping, a lot of sightseeing. It is nice to walk up and down the pavements with nobody saying stand there, do

Miss Ward, 43, said that at the time of her arrest in 1974 she had been "bumming. mostly in London, sleeping rough" and not knowing what she was doing. "I was very weak and immature, insecure, a bit of an idiot. I was not strong enough to take pressure so I bowed under pressure.

She could not remember making admissions to police that formed a key part of the case against her but said that she had been in a bad state at the time. While working in southern Ireland in the early 1970s, her sympathies had been with the Catholic community in Northern Ireland who, she said, had been put upon. She had gone to a few member of the IRA's political

Asked whether she supported the IRA now, Miss Ward said: "Definitely not. I think their bombing cam-paign is horrendous." She does, however, believe that there will be no solution to Northern Ireland's difficulties until British troops

withdraw. In Holloway prison, Miss Ward studied European history, history of art and history of architecture and was awarded an Open University degree. She set up a desktop publishing company with two fellow inmates and is intending to write short

Her immediate plans are to travel to Belfast with Anne Maguire, one of the Maguire seven, then to Dublin, France and the United States to speak about recent miscarriages of justice in the UK. She has an agent and is planning to write a book.

In an interview recorded for Woman's Hour on Radio Four. Miss Ward said that after her arrest the head of West Yorkshire police, the force that investigated the M62 bombing, had given her

a fiver and told two officers to take her for a lager and lime in the police training college. There we are on a Sunday night, surrounded by about 75 police officers watching television with la-gers and lime. Do they treat people like this who they think are really these nasty IRA bombers?"

She said she was confused when she made her confessions. "I had lack of sleep, lack of food. I just didn't know who was asking what."

She told of her two suicide attempts while on remand at Risley, awaiting trial. "I'm quite sure that the state I was in at the time, I would have done it if I could have got the right equipment. I was just totally off my head.
"It's like talking about a

different person 20 years ago. That's not me now.
Quite frankly I don't care
what names they call me. It
doesn't really bother me as long as they don't call me an IRA bomber.

For the first few years of her 15-year spell in Durham prison's maximum security wing she said she was just following prison routine. "Later there were periods when I was just under the bed with decression." bed with depression."

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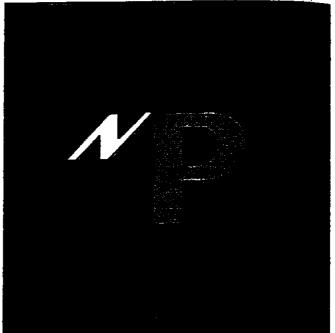
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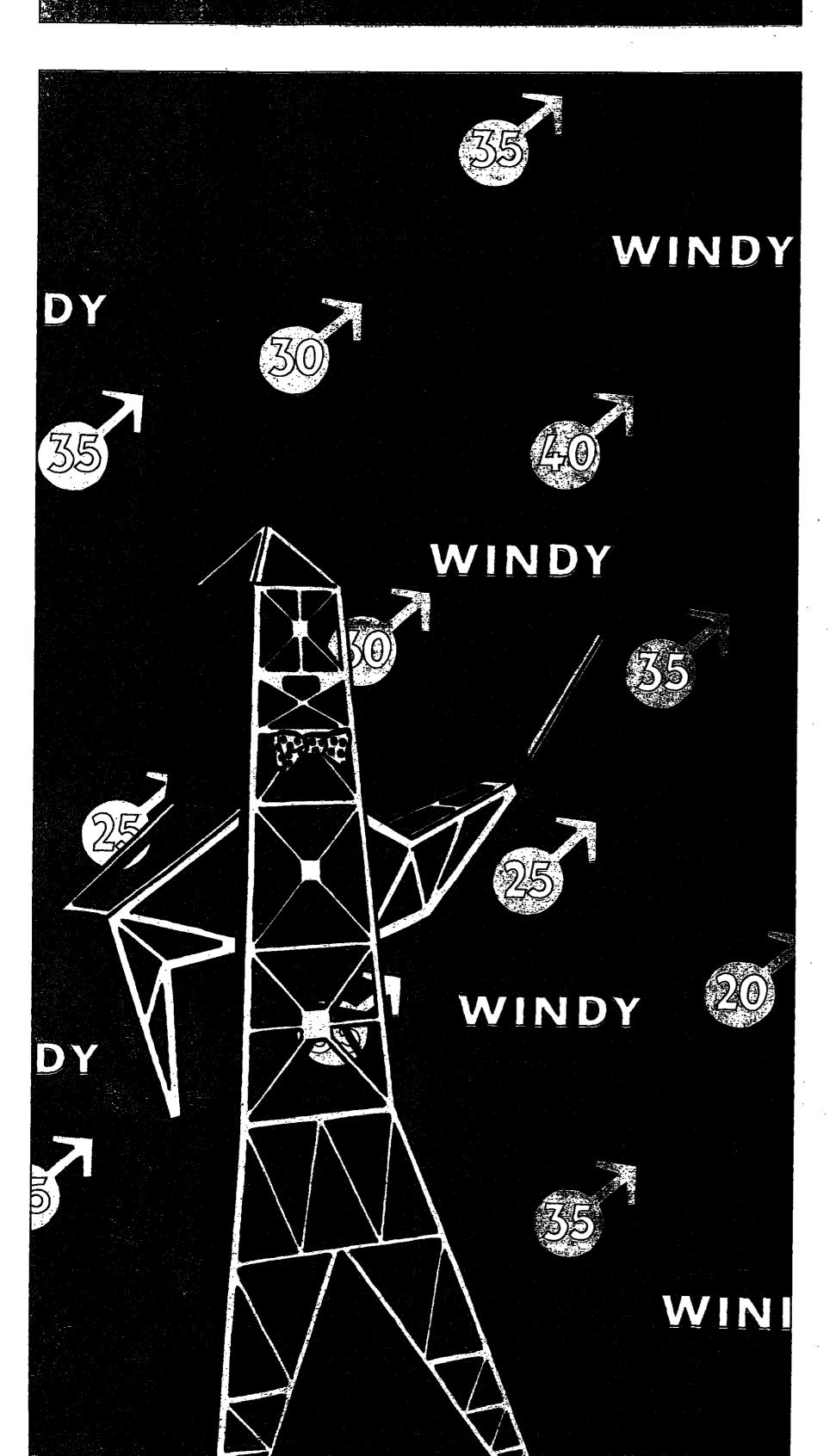
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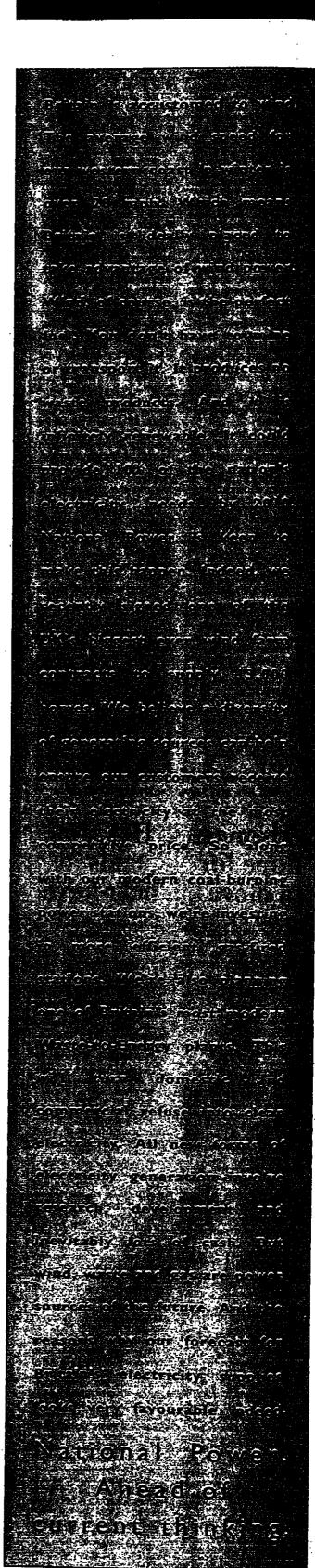
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Mr Prescott has written to

Bill Morris, the union's gen-

eral secretary, to ask how

votes in the second round of

the ballot were distributed

between himself and Marga-

ret Beckett, the favourite to

In the first round, none of

the candidates secured an ab-

solute majority. Mrs Beckett

took 46 per cent of the vote, Mr Prescott 39 per cent, and

Bryan Gould 15 per cent. In the second round, Mrs Beck-

second preference, and it was

unclear how the vote had

been divided once Mr Gould

A union spokesman said the ballot had been conduct-

ed on a single transferable vote, which had been made

clear to all members. The

ballot papers listed the three

candidates, allowing an order

of preference. After the first

round, the second preferences

of those who had voted for Mr

Gould were shared between

"It's all perfectly clear and

would be replying to Mr Pres-

Earlier, Mr Prescott pre-

cott's letter.

the other two candidates.

had dropped out.

become deputy leader.

Prescott queries

union's ballot

Portillo takes toughest line for a decade with ministers

Public sector pay rise to be pegged at 4%

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A SEVERE squeeze on public sector pay is being forecast by ministers as the government faces up to its toughest public expenditure round for more than a decade.

Today marks the deadline for the submission to the Treasury of bids by ministers at the spending departments. They are expected to exceed the E244 billion target for 1993-4 by well over £10 billion. Against the background of a public sector deficit this year of £28 billion, rising to more than £32 billion next year, senior ministers are saying that this year's negotiations between Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, and his cabinet col-

leagues will be gruesome.

The government will be looking for increases of no more than an inflationmatching 4 per cent next year in the main public sector bills, covering doctors, nurses, teachers and the armed forces. If the review bodies recommend increases above that level, they are likely to be

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Mr Portillo, an adherent of the Thatcherite orthodoxy of tight control of public spending, is said by colleagues to be relishing the prospect of hard-headed negotiations, in the knowledge that he has the prime minister's backing to

take difficult decisions in the early years of a government.

Semor ministers say that if the government is to meet its targets of reducing borrowing, bringing inflation down to the level of the main European competitors, and providing scope for tax cuts nearer the next election, it must cut back on spending.

With many spending areas protected by Conservative manifesto pledges, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, has decided that a root-andbranch examination of departmental budgets should take place. That means that this year's round will not only involve an attempt by Mr Portillo to pare back the bids above the overall Treasury



Portillo: backed by the prime minister

planning total, but that minspending on areas that have been taken for granted.

Mr Major began the pro-cess of "looking below the baseline" some years ago when he was chief secretary but, according to Whitehall insiders, this year's exercise will be far more rigorous than before.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, is understood to have prepared a substantial bid for extra spending to soften the impact of the new council tax. He will argue that the government cannot repeat the mistake it made over the community charge which was effectively sunk by the the size of its first year bills.

There will be heavy pressures on the social security budget because of the rising cost of unemployment and the two new women members of the cabinet Virginia Bottomley, at health, and Gillian Shephard, at employment, face a hard battle.

The Treasury is understood to be determined to put the training budget under the sharpest scrutiny again, ar-guing that more of the costs should be borne by employ ers. Mrs Bottomley is believed to want some £400 million to ease the introduction of the



Shephard: will have to fight hard to secure extra

community care reforms. Treasury ministers are already saying that the big > election increases in hecith spending will not be repeated. The prime minister's promise of real increases in the health budget can be met, but not by a big margin, they are saying.

The other main confrontation could come between Mr Portillo and John Patten, the education secretary, who will

funds for the employment department want extra funds to meet the rush of applications for opt-

> Both Mr Portillo and Mr Lamont have stressed recently that the government's objective is to balance the budget over the medium term. Mr Portillo has said that a failure to rein back on spending would create an "unacceptable legacy" for future generations.

Lilley to act on pensions

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley, social security secretary, is expected to announce a wide-ranging review of pension laws and regulations on Monday, preempting Tuesday's Commons debate on the Maxwell pensioners.

The review, trailed in the debate on the Queen's Speech, will look at all aspects of pension legislation to see whether regulations need to be tightened to prevent a repeat of the Maxwell scandal. Mr Lilley will announce the enquiry's terms of reference to coincide with a Westminster lobby of Maxwell pensioners. He is not expected to make a statements on whether Maxwell pensioners will be compensated.

The government is under pressure from Tory backbenchers and the Opposition to protect pension funds from going bankrupt before miss-ing assets are retrieved. An all-party group of MPs has already pressed Mr Lilley to set up a "drip-fund" to help pension funds in the short term. He has said he sees this as an open-ended commitment, but has not ruled out financial support for the pensioners. Benefit offices have been told to treat sympathetically any pensioners no long-

er getting their money.

Meanwhile, pressure is being put on financial institutions to return assets belongBy JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT sented himself as the only candidate for the deputy leadership who had put forward ideas to attract more party members. He said that Labour's membership had fallen by a third to about 200,000 since 1988, when he stood for deputy leadership. The party's headquarters say that the membership is about 260,000 with a further 50,000 who have not paid.

partly due to a decision to put

the membership list on a Mr Prescon called for the introduction of a "Levy Plus" scheme, whereby members of trade unions who already paid a political levy could ett took 54 per cent to Mr Prescott's 46 per cent. Mr Prescott said that the ballot paper did not allow for a gain full party membership by paying a nominal sum of: about £2. The party needed a million members for financial stability, he said. "If we recruit one person per branch, per week, we would have a million new members and a fourfold increase in our

finances within three years." The £15 membership fee was often a barrier, he said. He suggested cheaper family membership fees and using the Co-op Visa card for rais-ing membership. At present, a proportion of each transaction on the card was donated to the Labour party. This should be accepted as part of membership payment.

The use of computer tech-nology had alientated memthere is no need for anyone to muddy the waters," the spokesman said. Mr Morris bers and should be replaced by more personal contact. Knocking on the door is still



Ministers defeated in Lords

The government suffered its first defeat in the Lords since the election when an amendment to the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) bill was carried by 121 votes

The change will prevent televised evidence being produced in war crimes trials north of the English legislation was rejected in the Lords but the government used the Parliament Acts to force it through at the second attempt. Peers and the government have long been at odds over the changing the law to bring alleged Nazi war criminals to

Sporting eage The advent of more television channels means more and better coverage of sport, John Major said at question time. He was responding to Robert Hicks, Tory MP for Cornwall South East, who had said there was resentment during the recent cricket World Cup final

from Australia. Hess denial

Pressed to explain at question time why certain Foreign Office papers relating to Rudolf Hess. Hitler's deputy, were still being withheld from the Public Record Office, the prime minister told Andrew MacKinlay. Labour MP for Thurrock. that he did not share the conspiracy theory. "If there is a cover-up it has certainly been covered up from me as well," he said.

Vietnam aid

Britain is providing another £1 million of aid to Vietnam, Baroness Chalker, the overseas aid minister, announced.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Debate on tenants' rights and

Major support

By Shella Gunn POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

With three lists of new life peers to be published within the next week, the prime minister told the annual gathering of more than 200 peers that he regards the Lords as a useful means of bringing people of ability into Parliament. Unlike his predecessor, John Major was at pains to win over their lordships, making clear that he would listen

carefully to their arguments. The honours lists will top up the Lords with a mixture of former cabinet ministers and others prominent in public life. At the request of Labour, Mr Major has agreed to attach to the Queen's birthday honours list a further list of "working" peers from out-

Today's list is expected to cross benches.

On Labour's side the new life peers will include Denis Healey, Denis Howell, Merlyn Rees, Jack Ashley and Peter Archer.

Other former MPs will also be given life peerages on ei-ther the dissolution or working honours lists, including the former SDP leader David Owen, the former Liberal Democrat MP Geraint Howells, and the former Plaid Cymru leader Dafydd Elis

assures peers of

JOHN Major assured Conservative peers last night that his pursuit of a classless society does not extend to med-dling with the House of

side Parliament. The novelist Jeffrey Archer. a confidant of Mr Major, has been cleared this time for a life peerage by the honours scrutiny committee of Lords Shackleton and Pym, Grimond, which considered him unsuitable for inclusion in Margaret Thatcher's dissolution honours list. Dissolution lists are usually for former cabinet ministers and privy counseliors.

include at least nine Conservatives: Margaret Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Nigel Lawson, Cecil Parkinson, Norman Tebbit, Nicholas Ridley, Peter Walker, John Moore and Sir Ian Gilmour. Bernard Weatherill is on the list but, as a former Speaker. he is expected to sit on the

Thomas. opportunities.

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Sea Fish (Conservation) bill, second reading. Tuesday: Debates on Opposition motions on ethnic minorities and on Maxwell

pensioners. Wednesday: Finance bill. committee first day. Northern Ireland anti-terrorism

Thursday: Debate on science and technology. Friday: Debate on reform of

the CAP. The main business in the Lords is expected to be: Monday: Debates on the

Next week's business teaching of arts in schools and on the future of County Hall in London.

Tuesday: Armed Forces (Liability for Injury) bill, second reading. Debate on the Christmas Island atom bomb. test victims.

Wednesday: Debates on the

export of works of art and on energy use and generation. Thursday: Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Disclosure of Information) bill. second reading. Debate on motion to allow teachers to decline to teach on HIV and Aids and to allow parents to withdraw children from such lessons.



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The faces of rebellion: James Cran, left, one of the senior signatories to the motion, Cheryl Gillan, Christopher Gill, Barry Legg, Ann Winterton, and Nigel Evans

Downing Street brushes off Maastricht revolt

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND PHILIP WEBSTER

THE Great Maastricht Revolt exposed the two faces of government yesterday.

As early morning headlines suggested that John Major was facing the first big challenge from his own ranks since becoming prime minister, Downing Street officials and senior ministers sought to play down the significance of a Commons motion signed by 69 Tories calling for "fresh start" in Britain's relations with the EC.

They had swiftly seized upon the Danish referendum result to display their latent hostility to the Maastricht According to was a "fairly bland" statement of Tory policy on Europe, and officials wasted no time in finding parts of the text in accord with Mr Major's objectives of a wider and more competitive EC.

It was a pity no one had told the whips. Of the 69 signatories 26 were members of the new intake of Conserva- rebels, and taken to the Com-

tive MPs. While the official channels were pouring oil on troubled waters, these unfortunates were being pursued and rubbished by their parliamentary prefects.

The heavy mob, in the abundant shape of David Lightbown, a senior whip, was widely reported to have been on the prowl. At least one fresh-faced young Tory was nervously contemplating the prospect of an urgent appointment with his whip yesterday afternoon. Others were picked off in the corridors with barbed suggestions that their hopes of office might have already turned to

As the signatures were being frantically collected the night before, senior rebel James Cran left a sheet of paper bearing 12 names on the MPs' board in the members' lobby of the Commons. It was to be collected by Christopher Gill, the chief recruiting officer for the

THE REBEL MOTION

"That this House urges Her Majesty's Government to use the decision to postpone the passage of the European Communities (Amendment) bill as an opportunity to make a fresh start with the future development of the EEC, and in particular to concentrate its afforts on the chosen agenda of the British presidency, which is to extend the borders of the EEC and to create a fully competitive common market."

mons Table Office. It disappeared, leaving the motion 12 short of the expected tally. An unknown "whip's nark" was fingered by the rebels for the shortfall.

The prime minister was said to have inadvertently stumbled across the plotters in a stroll on the terrace of the Commons on Wednesday night but not realised what they were up until too late.

Nigel Evans. MP for Ribble Valley, was one of those to reject suggestions that he and his friends had been guiled by the old sweats. "I am sure that everybody who has signed that motion read it before they signed it and realises the full consequences of it." Nirj Deva. MP for Brentford and Isleworth, wrote to Richard Ryder, the chief whip, saying that "the Maastricht corpse would not walk again" and urging the prime minister to take his great opportunity to build a Europe founded on free-market principles.

The following 69 Tory MPs appeared on the Commons order paper yesterday morning as signatories of the motion urging the government to make a "fresh ent to make a start" in its approach towards the European Community. Twentysix are members of the new intake of Tory MPs. Twenty-four of those voted in favour of the second reading of the Maastricht treat ranification bill. Of the total of 69 only 17 had voted against the second reading of the bill on May 21. They are indicated by

*Michael Spicer (Worcestershire

Keynes South West). Michael Fabricant (mid-Staffs). James Cran (Beverley), "John Butcher (Coventry South West), Nirj Jo-seph Deva (Brendord and Isle-worth), "William Cash (Stafford). Christopher Gill (Ludlow). Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield), David Shaw (Dover). Alan Duncan (Rutland and Melton), Nigel Waterson (Eastbourne), David Faber (Westbury), John Sykes (Scarborough).

Peter Ainsworth (Surrey East), Charles Hendry (High Peak), Hardey Booth (Finchley), Nick Hawkins (Blackpool Geoffrey Clifton-Brown (Cirencester and Tewkesbury). John Whittingdale (Colchester South and Maldon), Bernard Jenkin (Colchester North), David Congdon (Croydon North-East), lain Duncar-Smith (Chingford). Raymond Robertson (Aberdeen Routh). Bill Walker (Tayside North). Roy Thomason (Bromsgrove), Lady Olga Mair-land (Sutton and Cheam), John Greenway (Ryedale).

ligel Evans (Ribble Valley), Liam Fox (Woodspring). David Willens (Havant). *Ann Winterton (Congleton), *Andrew Hunter (Basingstoke), Phil Gallie (Ayr), Bob Dunn (Dartford), Vivian Bendall (Ilford North), Richard

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Danes may force Major to show his true colours

The Danes may succeed where others have failed in winkling out an answer to the question: what kind of European is John Major?

One minister said this week: "I have heard the prime minister in conversa-tion with Tristan Garel-Jones and I have heard him in conversation with Peter Lilley, and I'm damned if I know which one he agrees with." It is not that Mr Major speaks with two tongues; he simply has a gift for avoiding entrapment.

On Europe, so far, there have been signals rather than commitments. As Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Major helped to persuade Margaret Thatcher to take Britain into the exchange-rate mechanism. However, he insisted from the start that there could be no "imposition" of a single currency or a European central bank.

In his early days at No 10. Mr Major was claimed by the Europhiles when he insisted that the EC was a "fact of life" to his generation, thus distancing himself from the handbagswinging era. That helped him through his first EC summit, in December 1991. He cultivated other European leaders, notably Chancellor Kohl, practising the Euro-politics of framing alliances in the "you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours" way that his counterparts appreciate and which Mrs Thatcher scomed.

With an election a possi-bility last year, he headed off the threat that last July's European Council in Luxembourg would force the pace on European preparatory work with Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand. They were cheered into compliance by his declaration in Bonn that Britain's place was "at the very heart of Europe". However, what is more significant about that speech, looking back, is that it was devoted more to healing breaches in the Conservative party than to any "vision thing" about the EC, which he was warning, even

then, not to rush on economic and monetary union. There was a careful balance. When Tory Eurocs overreached inem selves last summer, he told a Tory conference that "sulking on the fringe" of talks about the future of Europe could never be right. However, he was still insisting at home last June that "the economic case for monetary union has not been made' and he has argued that Europe's diversity of nation states is its strength.

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At Maastricht, he won concessions that few Eurosceptics had thought possible. Buoyed by that success, and by the discipline of pre-election loyalty. Mr Major had little trouble with the Tories in winning support for his deal in two Commons votes. However. even with the other discipline — that of a much smaller majority - there

FRESH doubts over the Lab-

our leadership's approach to the Maastricht treaty bill sur-

faced yesterday when senior

members of the shadow cabi-

net suggested that the party

While Labour MPs were

privately relieved that the

Danish decision allowed the

party to cover up its own

divisions on Europe, Bryan

Gould and John Prescott in-

sisted that the whole treaty

should be reconsidered.

Both MPs say that Labour

should exploit the confusion

to renew its efforts to have the

social chapter included in the

treaty and to have other parts concerning the economy and

the environment redrafted.

The Labour leadership

maintains that the govern-

ment needs to take part in

shaping any treaty, but the

number of the party's MPs

who are likely to vote against

the ratification bill is grow-

ing. Mr Prescott said yester-

day that it would be absurd to

accept the bill in its present

form. The parliamentary

Labour party will discuss its

stand at its meeting next

should vote against it.

Senior Labour MPs

call for a 'no' vote

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOLITICAL NOTEBOOK By ROBIN OAKLEY

was a significant Tory rebellion of 22 when the new Commons voted on the principle of Maastricht.

That was a warning. Now. Denmark has changed the mood and the arithmetic in the Tory party. The fence of party loyalty has been trampled, and Euro-sceptics are running free. One after another, they rose in the Commons on Wednesday to insist that this was not a disaster but an opportunity to press for further shrinkage of the centralising tendencies of the Rome treaty. There is ministerial sympathy for Tories who are calling, in effect, for renegotiation of Maastricht, and sympathy for George Walden's cri de coeur that government, Commons and country had never wanted the treaty and that it had never been more than making the best of a

there is little sign of the L misery in Whitehall that might have been expected from the rejection of a treaty that Britain had played a significant role in framing. Challenged to admit that the Danes may have helped a process that Mr Major was seeking to intensify with a British drive for a wider EC embracing Efta nations and the Central Europeans, officials do not respond. Their quiet smiles do not, however, fade.

Mr Major has had to open post-referendum proceedings as a good European, insisting that Britain and the others will ratify and seeking subtly to pressure the Danes in what he was insisting yesterday was their predicament.

However, the clue to almost all that Mr Major has done on Europe is party unity. He is the whip as prime minister. He kept to the median line. Those close to him say that he is, indeed, a European. All things being equal, he will take a pro-European line. He is, however, a pragmanc pro-European, and country and party come first. In the election campaign. Mr Maaid not nesitate to the anti-Brussels card, re-

vealing his scepticism over a single European currency. Mr Major knows that Mrs Thatcher's troubles with the party came in large measure because she had become identified with one end of the European argument. With his whip's instinct, he has so far sensed the Tory centre of gravity on

Europe and stuck to it. Now, however, just as Mr Major inherits Britain's EC presidency with the task of clearing up the Maastricht mess, that Tory centre of gravity is shifting fast. He has to choose between pressing on for the EC objectives or shifting with his party. We are about to learn precisely what kind of European Mr Major is.

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Mr Gould, a candidate for the party leadership and deputy leadership, said at a campaign meeting in Norwich

Rome made clear that any amendment treaty had to be ratified by every member state. "The Danish decision means therefore that the Maastricht Treaty as proposed is now effectively dead," he said. "History may well decide that the Danes have done us a favour by allowing the chance for sec ond and better thoughts."

last night that the Treaty of

The convergence criteria for single currency should be renegotiated "so that progress towards a single currency is not simply a recipe for high unemployment". For-eign, defence, environment and energy policies should also be better co-ordinated.

"We need a people's Europe. a citizens' Europe, an environmental Europe, not just a central bankers' Europe." Mr Prescott, also a contender for the deputy leader-

ship, said that he would not support the Maastricht bill if it reappeared in the same form. Going ahead with the treaty without the Danes would create a two-tier Europe. "The Danes have rejected it and we must start again. We must go back to the social chapter and enlarging Europe. The treaty is



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France wins watered-down wording

Nato offers troops to help keep peace

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN OSLO

SOLDIERS from Nato's 16 countries can join future peacekeeping operations in Europe, the alliance's foreign ministers announced here

However, they did so in language so vague that decisions to deploy troops will be complex. The watered-down wording reflects last-minute resistance from France, supported by Spain and Belgium, to any announcement which places Nato at the centre of peacekeeping operations that might be decided by the 52-nation Conference of Security and Co-operation in European.

France wants to confine Nato's role after the Cold war to last-resort nuclear protection in order the dilute American influence in Europe. Briiain and America support Nato's search for additional roles, such as peacekeeping in ethnic flashpoints. A CSCE summit meeting next month is expected to strengthen its means to intervene in crises similar to those in the Balkans and Nagorno-Karabakh. Lawrence Eagleburger. the American deputy secre-tary of state, suggested to yesterday's meeting that Nato should help enforce sanctions against Serbia, but did not specify what sort of forces might be needed.

Nato diplomats made clear that Nato was unlikely to be involved in peacekeeping in the Balkans which, they said. was the responsibility of the United Nations. A separate statement issued yesterday condemned Serbia, Montenegro and the Yugoslav feder-al army as having "the main responsibility" for "clear. gross and uncorrected violations CSCE

commitments".
Yesterday's communique
makes the unprecendented offer of Nato troops and facil-

fined. We are prepared to support, on a case-by-case basis . . peacekeeping activities under the responsibility of the CSCE, including making available alliance resources and expertise," the communi-This compromise formula falls well short of the clear

leaves the details of the neces-

sary decision-making ill-de-

signal that Nato's co-ordination machinery would take the lead in peacekeeping operations, which a majority of governments originally wanted. Requests for peacekeeping help from the CSCE would be addressed to Nato and to individual govern-ments, leaving open the possibility that groups of states could participate or not as

The meeting also sent an oblique warning to the French and German govern-ments that their plan for a joint "Eurocorps", an-nounced recently by their leaders, risks confusing fur-ther the already crowded lineup of security groupings in Europe. The ministers an-nouncement emphasised that security and stability in Europe would be best guaranteed by a "framework of interlocking and mutually reinforcing decisions".

The charge levelled at the German government since the launch of the "Eurocorps" is that the 35,000-strong force's relations with Nato and the nine-nation Western European Union are



Taking advice: Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, left, the Danish foreign minister, speaking to Klaus Kinkel, his German counterpart, at the Nato-EC meeting in Oslo yesterday

Case against EC bolstered in Scandinavia

Germans unite against Kohl to retain mark

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

THE good news for Bonn from the Danish referendum was that the mark strengthened against all other main currencies. The bad news was that it dealt a crippling blow to prospects for a common

European currency. The campaign to defend the mark has won popular support from the extreme right to the far left. Bild, which was the first paper to draw attention to the fact that the mark was threatened, rejoiced yesterday that the Danes might have saved "our lovely money".

When he returned from Maastricht six months ago. Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, claimed that the progress to-wards his dream of a united states of Europe was "irreversible". To turn this dream into reality, he was ready to surrender the mark to provide the basis on which a strong European currency could be built.

The public, for whom the mark represents the achievements of the postwar era, has never been happy with the prospect of losing it. A poll yesterday by the Wickert In-stitute showed that 89 per cent want to keep the mark, and that 81 per cent want a referendum on the subject. Overall, 75 per cent said that they did not trust the ability of European Community civil servants to run the economy.

These findings were mirrored in a telephone poll con-ducted on Wednesday evening by ARD, the main television channel. An invitation to viewers to ring in

whom 81 per cent were against European union. A similar poll by a local radio station in Hesse recorded 70 per cent of 2,000 callers opposing Maastricht.

For Herr Kohl, these results spell trouble. He was already racing against the clock to complete consultations needed to ensure ratification of the treaty in time. Now complicated consultations with the prime ministers of the German states threaten to drag on even longer he expected. This is because the states have been demanding constitutional changes that would give them control over EC legislation. Encouraged by the Danish result, they are determined to hold out for a veto right on almost every aspect of Community policy before they give their approv-al for ratification in the Bundesrat (upper house).

Given the new and militant anti-European public mood, there is even growing uncertainty in the Bundestag (lower house) over whether there will be a majority in favour of Maastricht. Karl Lamers, foreign policy spokesman of the Christian Democrats, has said that "there must now be a really fitting, full-scale debate". Hermann Solms. house leader of the Free Democrats, says he does not think he can recommend approval of the treaty unless and until the states are satisfied with what they are being offered. The opposition Social Democrats are split between those who are prepared to see the treaty ratified and those who want a special Community summit first.

Overall, the chancellor has to face the fact that the Danish result has shattered public confidence in his European policy, which was the one important area where he believed he had made tangible progress since unification. The constitution does not allow a referendum on Maastricht but, with public concern aroused, Herr Kohl is in a real dilemma. His Christian Democrats are at a ten-year low in opinion polls because of public disenchantment over unification. If he insists on pressing ahead with the timetable to surrender the mark, his party must expect to become even more unpopular.

He confidently says that the worst problems of unification will be over before the 1994 general election, but by then the imminent demise of the mark could well lose him many votes.

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House votes for more troop cuts

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE House of Representatives has voted to reduce the number of American troops in Europe from 235,000 to 100,000 by 1995, 50,000 fewer than the minimum proposed by the Bush admi-

nistration. The amendment to the 1993 defence bill was approved by 241 votes to 162 on Wednesday night, a margin that demonstrated the fragility of domestic support for keeping American troops abroad at a time of runaway deficits and economic hardship at home. Administration officials fear that support could evaporate altogether if France and Germany push ahead with plans for what is perceived here as a "European army designed to rival Nato and diminish American

influence in Europe. The House also voted 225 to 177 for an overall reduction of 40 per cent can troops based overseas, 219 to 186 for an amendment to save \$3.5 billion (£1.95 billion) on overseas troops next year, and 396 to six for making South Korea, Japan and Europe contribute more to the costs of stationing American troops in their

countries. The cuts are opposed by the administration and will probably be scaled back by the Senate, but commentators said the votes demonstrated a

marked shift in congressional and public perceptions of America's international role, now that the Cold war is over. Previously Congress had mostly adopted non-binding "sense of Congress" resolutions, which merely urged allies to bear more of the defence burden. These amendments would be binding, and for the first time attracted significant support from Republicans. "This year we really mean it." Pat Schroeder, a Colorado Democrat, said. Ms Schroeder, who has fought to have American troops brought home. hailed what she called "four very historic burden-sharing amendments" that she be-lieved would make a tremendous difference.

Military sources in Washington said that keeping only 100,000 troops in Europe was a tenable proposition, viability comes into question. There is a point at which it becomes uneconomic to maintain heavy forces in Europe"

Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, said last night that the overall cuts of \$7 billion on what the administration had requested were too great, and the reductions in overseas troops would "force us to go to lower levels quicker" than what was

tide of anti-European A Community sentiment Support for the Community is has gathered force in Scandinavia after the decision by Danish voters to reject the Maastricht treaties for Eu-

> showed yesterday. Two polls published by the evening papers Express-en and Aftonbladet in Stockholm suggested that of those questioned, 68 per cent and 45 per cent respecentry of Sweden into the Community. Of those questioned, 32 per cent and 28 per cent wanted Sweden to join. In April, a poll by Aftonbladet had suggested that 37 per cent were in favour, 37 per cent against and 25 per cent were

ropean union, opinion polls

undecided. In Norway, an opinion poll published early yester-day by the Aftenposten daily newspaper suggested that

beginning to waver throughout Europe, Our Foreign Staff write

53 per cent of Norwegians were opposed to the entry of Norway into the Community compared to 33 per cent who were in favour. A poll carried out by the newspaper three weeks ago sugthat 47 per c "against" Europe and 39 per cent in favour.

The Dutch, traditionally Lamong the staunchest pro-Europeans, are also wavering in their enthusiasm for the Maastricht treaty. according to two polls pub-lished yesterday. Both showed lower than expected support for the blueprint for closer political and economthe Dutch government during its presidency of the Community in the second A poll for the NRC Hand-

eisblad newspaper found only 49.5 per cent in favour the treaty rejected by Danish voters this week, while 18.5 per cent were against it and 32 per cent were non-committal. Nearly 58 per cent said that there should be a referendum on the issue - even though there is no provision for such a procedure in the Dutch constitution. The poll for Dutch television found that 57 per cent backed Maastricht, with 51 per cent calling for a refer-

More than two out of three French citizens will vote for European unity in the referendum Presi dent Mitterrand has called, an opinion survey in the dai-

ly Le Parisien showed

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ratification on Wednesday.

The survey, conducted by the CSA institute after M Mitterrand's announcement on Wednesday. showed that 69 per cent of those who said that they would participate in the referendum would vote for the Maastricht treaties on pol-itical and economic union, compared to 31 per cent against. However, 42 per cent of all those surveyed

participate. The poll showed that 78 per cent approved of a referendum. compared to 9 per cent who disagreed and 13 per cent who had no opinion. Le Parisien reported that 79 per cent said that Den-

mark's rejection of the treaties at a referendum on Tuesday did not influence their opinion. Four per cent said that it made them more favourable to European uniand 0 ner cent s turned them against it. No date has been fixed for

the referendum but Elizabeth Guigou, the European affairs minister, said that it would probably be held in the autumn. French television suggested September. President Mitterrand. who was one of the architects of closer European union, had favoured pushing ratification through par-

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Warsaw: Poland's govern-

ment yesterday distributed lists of politicians and officials suspected of being former secret police agents under communism, sidetracking a less parliamentary session.

key parliamentary session. Critics said its timing, be-

fore a parliamentary vote on a

motion to dismiss the minor-

ity government, was aimed at further dividing the opposi-

tion, which is trying to muster

a new coalition. Disagree-

ments among small parties have dogged their efforts. President Walesa said in a

statement that the way in

which the lists were distribut-

ed was illegal and manipula-

tive: "It paves the way for political blackmail. It com-

pletely destabilises state and

follows a controversial resolu-

tion passed last week obliging

the interior ministry to reveal

leged former communist col-laborators still holding high

public office. Janusz Onysz-

ciewicz, of the opposition

Democratic Union, said:

These motions are designed

The distribution of the lists

party political structures."

Lonely president awaits poll result

Havel is isolated by nationalist fervour

FROM ROGER BOYES, EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT, IN PRAGUE

PRESIDENT Havel, high in the Prague Castle, today will be glumly watching the election that may end up pulling apart Czechoslovakia and rob him of political significance.

The playwright politician has been depressed of late. say his friends. His power is plainly limited and all attempts to extend his reach, to shape the debate about the country's future, have been dashed by parliament. The election today and tomorrow will push him further to the margin. If the opinion polls are right, Vladimir Mediar, the tough Slovak nationalist. will win easily in Slovakia while Vaclay Klaus, the Czechoslovak finance minister, an economic shock therathe Czech lands. Mr Meciar will push Prague hard, to the very brink of secession. One idea is that a Slovak president - probably Alexander Dubcek - will alternate every two years with a Czech president. Where does this leave Mr Havel? Out in the cold. Mr Klaus is likely to be federal prime minister and that will restrict further the president's authority. Marian Calfa, the current federal prime minister, is far more pliable.

Yet Mr Havel is ready to stand for re-election soon after the parliamentary elections have been fought and won. He is already working out the broad contours of his campaign "because he does not want to leave the job half finished," says a friend and adviser. "Vasek has become a politician, maybe a politician of ideas, but a politician none the less. He wants to stay in

Many Czechs and most rarely drinks there now.

Slovaks do not entirely agree with this description. He is still top of the popularity stakes in Prague, and even quite high up in Bratislava. But a clear distinction is made between Mr Havel as lovable dissident, and Mr Havel as powerbroker. When he was sworn in as president, his pin-stripe trousers rode high over his shoes, displaying most of his socks. Not my tailor's fault, explained the new president, "I simply



over my stomach, because I was so nervous." Prague was charmed by this new public intimacy. But now when the president tells his countrymen not to attack gypsies. there is dark muttering: Havel is out of touch, does not see things as they really are. Charm is no longer sufficient. Mr Klaus, significantly, has

perfectly tailored trousers. Mr Havel is neither fulltime playwright — he is writing little at present - nor power politician. A pub crawl around Prague gives one a glimpse of his loneliness. At the Golden Tiger, the 13thcentury cellar is packed with poets and writers and thick with smoke. This was Mr Havel's local and there is still a back room for his use. He

When he has a literary guest he sometimes asks the publican to open up after hours when all his former writer colleagues have left. The Jug. another of his watering holes, also rarely sees the president. After the 1989 revolution Mr Havel used to spend hours there drinking black beer and trying to learn English with the American wife of his adviser, the rock musician Michal Kocab. That time has gone, too. Today when he comes down from the Castle he orders a table at the Three Ostriches and is shielded by his courtiers. He has become as unapproachable as a Hol-

lywood star. The president made one short entry into the election campaign when he declared that the secret police had approached him in 1965 and a dossier existed. That was Mr Havel's way of showing his opposition to parties prepared to use secret police files. But most politicians merely shrugged off the president's

The election may signal the beginning of the end of Czechoslovakia. Probably, it will not come to that. But the elections do spell the end to a two-year period when dissidents, those former moral beacons, ran the political establishment throughout Central Europe. As in Poland and Hungary, the Czechs and Slovaks are beginning to realise that years as a political prisoner are no longer the perfect qualification for power. Mr Havel - and the equally lonely President Walesa in Warsaw - are the last of a breed.

Privatisation plans, page 23



Covered with honour: William Golding, the Nobel prize-winning British author, is presented with a ceremonial cap at his investiture yesterday as an honorary doctor by the dean of the University of Oviedo in Spain

Serb and Muslim wage 'dirtiest war'

RUBBING his eyes wearily, Major Savic Ljubasa looked down from his hillside bunker on the free-fire zone in the wooded valley at Stolice separating Serb irregulars from Muslim fighters in Tuzla, an industrial and chemical centre in eastern Bosnia.

The afternoon Muslim bombardment is as regular as clockwork," the major said. Seconds later the barrage began. Orange flashes on the southern slopes of the valley were followed by the thunderous roar of big guns. The major suggested we retreat to the safety of another bunker.

Bosnian Serb forces who have all but encircled Tuzla sation plans, page 23 over the past fortnight are L&T section. page 6 dug in high on the Majevica Bosnian Serbs claim to be countering a jihad, writes Bill Frost in Stolice

hills. They are well equipped and impatient to expel the Muslim "bandits" who, their commanders claim, are bent on turning the new republic into an Islamic fundamentalist state. "I have become as cold-blooded as possible. No rules exist any more in this battle. It is the dirtiest war in history," said the major.

A Serb gunner said: "There is a large chemical plant in Tuzla. If it is hit, there will be a major environmental disaster. Pray God I am not here when it goes up."

An hour after the anillery

duel had ceased, the rattle of

valley below sent the Serb troops back to their trenches. After the Muslim raiding party retreated, Major Ljubasa explained his strategy: "We have made a horseshoe formation. The Muslims are cut off to the west, the east and the north. We will starve them out, we will smash them." As for casualties, the major said: "We have sustained minor losses, nothing significant. Theirs have been heavy.

sub-machinegun fire in the

The black-bordered photographs of men in uniform inned outside the regional military headquarters at Bi-jeljina tell a different story.

Bijeljina was once predominantly Muslim. Now the mosque is closed and many Muslims have fled south.

However, local Serb officials

"ethnically cleansed".

the town's defence committee, said: "The Muslim extremists left after a gun battle in April. Their snipers were in the minaret until we drove them out with the help of a militia from Belgrade. Before they left, they killed and mutilated some Serb men, cutting off their genitals."

made pistol from his waistband, laid it on his desk, and tilted back his chair. "Why do you in the West support these extremists? Don't you know the day Sarajevo's airport reopens it will be full of Libyan soldiers and Iranian revolutionary guards? For them this is *iihad*, a holy war.'

to torpedo the debates of the Sejm [lower house] which is about to decide two impor-

Pero Simic, a member of

Mr Simic took the Russian-

Belgrade: Serbia's ruling Socialist party won more than half the seats in the weekend's Yugoslav parliamentary elections. The poll had been boycotted by the main opposition parties. (Reuter)

tant issues — the budget and no-confidence vote." (Reuter)

Hostage hope Bonn: Thomas Kemptner and Heinrich Struebig, the German hostages being held in Lebanon, could be freed within ten days, Bernd Schmidbauer, a senior official in the German chancellery, said after holding talks in Tehran (Reuter)

Tank parts held

Warsaw: An illegal shipment of 290 cases of spare parts for Czechoslovak-made tanks was intercepted en route to Syria by Polish customs officers in the port of Szczecin. False documents covering the shipment claimed that the parts were for cars. (AP)

Death queried

Sydney: Sweden is investigating the death of Per-Ove Carlsson, a film-maker found with his throat cut in Papua New Guinea after filming rebels fighting Indonesia in the province of Irian Java. Papua New Guinea police say

Port blockaded

Cherbourg: Barricades were set up on roads leading to the Channel port, fishermen blocked the marina, ferries remained moored, and trains were halted at stations in a strike, dubbed "fortress city". aimed at protecting jobs in the region. (AFP)

Fuel rods found

Vienna: Austrian anti-terrorist police said weapons-grade uranium seized in a Vienna car park came from a Soviettype reactor and may have come via Czechoslovakia. The smugglers are thought to have been exposed to huge doses of radiation. (Reuter)

Escape foiled

Tirana: Albanian police fired warning shots and battled to disperse 2,000 would-be refu-gees who tried to flee by ship from the port of Vlora, state radio said. It was the first mass escape attempt since a democratic government took office six weeks ago. (AP)

Revived KGB to control borders

FROM BRUCE CLARK AND MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin, under Yeltsin's decision also attack from opposition conservatives, yesterday announced the creation of a Russian border guard under the aegis of the intelligence service, a move that goes a long way towards re-creating the old Soviet KGB.

Mr Yeltsin said a border guard and formal state frontiers would be established with the Baltic states as well as Ukraine and Azerbaijan. the two members of the Commonwealth of Independent States which have refused to take part in collective security arrangements. This will involve the transfer to the Russian frontier, until recently a little-noticed administrative boundary, of hundreds of thousands of border troops who traditionally made up more than half the KGB's

numerical strength. Morale in the state security ministry, as the KGB apparatus is called, is running high, thanks to the efforts of its boss. Viktor Barannikov, to

marked a step towards the breakup of the commonwealth into a "hard core", comprising Russia, Central Asia and possibly Armenia, which retains some military co-operation while other former Soviet republics maxi-mise their independence. His move also prompted fears that guards on the sensitive frontiers between Tajikistan and Afghanistan, and be tween Kazakhstan and China, would now be withdrawn to Russia's boundaries.

bring a no-confidence motion before parliament and called on the constitutional court to remove Mr Yeltsin from of-fice for "betrayal of Russia's national interests". The hardliners have redirected their attacks from the reformist cabinet towards Mr Yeltsin, citing the country's economic hardship and Russia's acquiescence in sanctions against its fellow

A group of hardline depu-

ties last night pledged to

Milan suspect accuses Craxi

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

MARIO Chiesa, the key suspect in the political corruption being investigated by Milan magistrates, was quoted yesterday as saying that he had direct dealings with Bettino Craxi, leader of the Italian Socialists.

Signor Craxi vehemently denied the accusation that he had promised a renewal of Signor Chiesa's tenure as director of the largest hospice in Milan, the Pio Albergo Trivulzio, in return for financing the election of his son, Bobo Craxi, to the Milan city council. Judge Antonio Di Pietro, the magistrate in-vestigating the bribery scan-dal said there is nothing penally relevant against the Craxi family" in documents he has deposited with parlia-ment — including testimony by Signor Chiesa — as part of a request for the lifting of parliamentary immunity of other politicians implicated in the affair.

But the new twist in the scandal, which hitherto had been restricted to members of Signor Craxi's Milanese entourage, may have to be taken into consideration by President Scalfaro in his search for a prime minister-

designate. In the past, the Socialist leader has been considered a favourite to replace Giulio Andreotti, the caretaker prime minister. In the documents, parts of which were leaked to Cor-

riere della Sera and other newspapers, Signor Chiesa was quoted as saying: "In the spring of 1990, I asked for support from Bettino Craxi to guarantee my candidature to the city council for an alderman's post, and for the renewal of the presidency of the Pio Albergo Trivulzio. "Craxi told me he could guarantee the candidature to the Pio Albergo Trivulzio, but

not the alderman's job. In exchange he told me to sup-port the candidature of his son Bobo ... Bobo owes at least 50 per cent of his election to me. I carried the organisational expenses." Signor Craxi called these charges "as false as Judas". His son also dismissed the

accusations and said he was elected "thanks to the prestige of my father".

La Repubblica yesterday urged Signor Craxi to withdraw his candidature. The newspaper said: "It would give an extremely negative

signal to the country and the investigating magistrature."
President Scaliaro yester-day held consultations with two former presidents, Francesco Cossiga and Giovanni Leone, to seek their advice on the search for a new prime minister. On Tuesday night he met formally with Signor Andreotti, who resigned after the poor showing of his four-party coalition in the April general election.

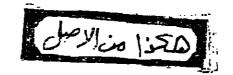
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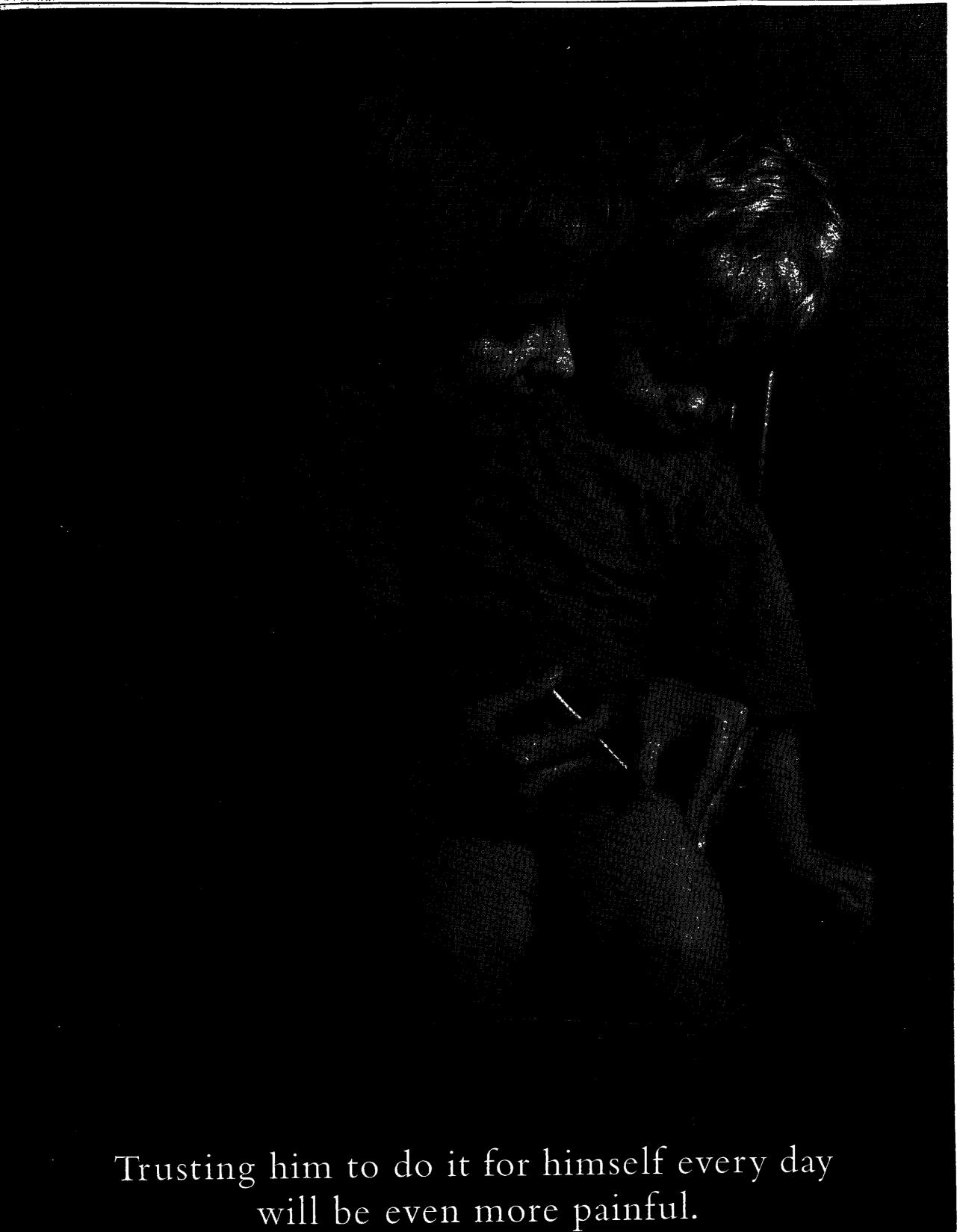
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Campaign strategists defect to Perot camp

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush scheduled a news conference last night, only the second of his presidency, in an attempt to bypass an increasingly hostile press and take his case for reelection directly to the American people. The attempt flopped. Not a single American network, apart from CNN, decided that the event merited live coverage.

However abysmal things seem at the White House, they continue to get worse. It was bad enough that exit polls showed Ross Perot, the outside contender, would have won both the Republican and Democratic primaries in California on Tuesday. The unstoppable Texan billionaire capped that on Wednesday by hiring two top Republican and Democratic strategists, Ed Rollins and Hamilton Jordan. It lent instant weight and plausibility to a wildfire campaign that Washington's political establishment had sought to dismiss as a passing fad.

News of the defections left Mr Bush and an already demoralised White House "rattled" and "reeling", officials admitted. Some feared that Mr Rollins's action would trigger a mass exodus of disaffected Republican activists to the Perot camp; others thought that he was taking with him detailed inside knowledge of Republican campaign plans.
The White House was re-

portedly bombarded with calls from frantic Republicans around the country demanding that it get its act together, and there was a renewed burst of speculation about important staff changes. The administration has denied reports that James Baker, the Secretary of State, will return to take control of the president's campaign, but the name of Richard Cheney, the defence secretary and a former White House chief of staff, is now being mentioned. The problem for Mr Bush is that any big shake-up now would look like "fulscale panic", one official said.

Writing in The New York Times yesterday, Kevin Phillips, a leading Republican analyst, said Mr Perot was emerging as the most serious outside contender for power

itself emerged in the 1850s. By attracting 35 to 45 per cent of Republican voters, he was "dividing - perhaps fatally - the Republican presidential coalition which has controlled the White House for 20 of 24 years".

Mr Rollins was Ronald Reagan's campaign manager in 1984 and Mr Jordan masterminded Jimmy Carter's presidential victory in 1976. Commentators pointed out that there are only seven men living who had managed presidential campaigns, and Mr Perot had snapped up two of them. In an election likened to playing "three-di-mensional chess", their expertise could prove invaluable.

Democratic and Republican officials both criticised Mr Perot for hiring two "ultimate Washington insiders" while posing as an untainted outsider himself, but the White House has been reluctant to attack Mr Perot directly for fear of driving his supporters into Bill Clinton's camp. But there are signs of that strategy changing.

Prosecutor speaks of two Ivans

BY BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MICHAEL Shaked, the Israeli state attorney on the defensive amid mounting doubts in the "Ivan the Terrible" appeal, suggested yesterday that two distinct Ivans operated the gas chambers at the Treblinka Nazi death camp.

The statement came as part of a package of theories put forward by Mr Shaked to explain why postwar testimonies by camp guards to Soviet interrogators identify Ivan Marchenko, not Ivan Demjanjuk, as operator of the gas chambers. The physical descriptions

of Marchenko by guards do not match Demjanjuk, a point emphasised by Yoram Sheftel, the defence attorney, when he opened the summary arguments. Demjanjuk, 72, a retired car worker from Cleveland, Ohio, was sentenced to death in 1988 for being "Ivan the Terrible" of Treblinka. The sentence was based on identification by camp survivors. "Ivan



High hopes: John Demjanjuk, the convicted Nazi war criminal, in cheerful mood at his Jerusalem appeal

Marchenko started to operate the gas chambers in the summer of 1942, while Demjanjuk began in October and continued through to the following March, either with Marchenko or without him," Mr Shaked said. After the war, Demjanjuk listed Marchenko as his mother's maiden name

while applying for an American visa. Mr Shaked noted. It is possible that Demjanjuk was indeed Ivan Marchenko, or else simply borrowed the name of his Treblinka colleague, he said. The conflicting theories touched off consternation among the judges, who tried, without success, to get

Mr Shaked to say which explanation he favoured. Demjanjuk, surrounded in the dock by police, looked on in characteristic bewilderment, shaking his head violently when it was said that he gassed Jews. Mr Sheftel expressed the hope that the pendulum was finally swing-ing the defence way after

nearly six years of deliberations

Ephraim Zurov, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Israel, said last night that the prosecution's failure to present documentary evidence that John Demjanjuk was "Ivan the Terrible" may have saved him from the gallows.

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Zionist refuses to wave the flag

Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's mayor, tells Richard Beeston that it is premature to celebrate the unification of the city

WHEN thousands of Israelis waving flags and chanting nationalist slogans marched through Jerusalem this week to mark the 25th anniversary of the city's capture, few of their compatriots remained unmoved by the memory of the crowning victory of the Six Day war.

However, as soldiers and schoolchildren paraded through the cobbled alleys of the Old City and politicians vied for attention on the city's ancient battlegrounds and at Judaism's holiest site, the Western Wall, one man was noticeably absent.

"I would like to have celebrations in Jerusalem but we have not reached that day yet," said Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's mayor for 30 years, who more than any other Israeli has shaped today's modern metropolis. "We other side. This is not a day of festivity for the Arabs."

His objections are not born of doveish principles, but of the practical need to encourage co-existence in a city where even the most petty rivalry can explode into an international incident. The Viennese-born mayor is an ardent Zionist who, like the vast majority of Israelis, believes that Jerusalem should be the undivided, eternal capital of the Jewish state, while respecting the customs of its Arab minority.

"There will always be rival-ries in Jerusalem." said the mayor, reflecting on the city's bloody 4,000-year history, from the time it was built by King David through its 18 conquests, including capture by General Edmund Allenby in 1917, to the present day.

in 1965, the city was divided between Ashkenazi [European] and Sephardi [Oriental] Jews. Then the differences were between secular and ultra-orthodox Jews and now it

is between Jews and Arabs." Mr Kollek, 81, bristled at any suggestions that the answer to his problem lies in the redivision of the city into Arab and Jewish halves or of placing Jerusalem under international jurisdiction. He is proud of his accomplishments and points out that under his stewardship a physically divided, economically depressed, and remote provincial town has blossomed into a modern city of half a

million people. However, that does not compensate for his disappointment, as he approaches his final months in office - he is expected to retire before his term expires next year - a Jerusalem's stubborn rival-

ries are surviving his efforts. In the neglected neighbourhoods of east Jerusalem the 140,000-strong Arab population has been in a state of semi-revolt for more than four years. On what Mr Kollek remembers as his darkest day as mayor, 17 Palestinians were shot dead by Israeli police on the Dome

of the Rock in October 1990. Since then, tensions have been compounded by the rapnoticeably in the Muslim quarter of the walled Old City and the Arab village of Silwan. With government support, the settlers are planning to construct large apartment blocks, next to Arab neigh bours, a provocation which Mr Kollek regards as unnec-

id expansion of Jewish settlements in east Jerusalem, most

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New Yorkers put fun back into sex

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

REAL sex fizzled in New York in the mid-1980s. driven out by Aids and the Reaganising of the 1960s generation, according to the experts. Since then, sex has been celebrated at arm's length, through Ma-donna, the new Voyeurvision cable channel, films such as Basic Instinct, phone services and, for the

higher-brow, "erotica". But every pendulum must swing, and the time has come to proclaim that sex is back again in the Big Apple, according to the same experts. Lawyers and Wall Street men can be found streaming into Fantasy Manor, a Manhattan brothel whose girls play roles dictated by their wellheeled clients. Across the city, bordellos and private sex clubs are booming again, offering participatory fun for every taste,

straight, gay or lesbian. If you want to go to a dungeon and be mistreated. call Ava Taurel who teaches an evening class in fetishes and fancies at the Learning Annex. For those who would prefer to visit a fully equipped dungeon, there is the Vault, a club on the Lower East Side which takes its name from one of the gay bath houses which flourished in the pre-Aids era and caters for the limousine crowd.

The new sex clubs have come in for scrutiny from chronicled a return to pub-lic naughtiness not seen since Studio 54, the legendary disco and sexual supermarket that closed its doors in 1985. There is disagreement, however, on whether the sex revival is a symptom of New York's renaissance or its descent into deeper

iniquity.
The city authorities, who have always been tolerant towards clubs and other sex businesses, have acknowledged a surge of activity but taken no measures Aids activists say, however. that they are worried about a spreading view, particularly among heterosexual men, that the disease presents little real risk for

China gags **Tiananmen BBC** man

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE Chinese government yesterday arrested two members of an illegal free trade union and banned a BBC correspondent from reporting the third anniversary of the mass killings in Tiananmen Square.

Two other members of the union were last night reported missing. Journalists have been beaten up and harassed as a further sign of the government's unease about renewed protests in favour of

The government has banned James Miles, the BBC's Peking correspondent, from reporting while his jour-nalist's credentials are held by the authorities. Mr Miles's pass was taken by police on

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Khmer fire threatens **UN** team

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHINOM PENH

THE United Nations peace mission to Cambodia was endangered yesterday as UN military observers on the ground came under fire from the Khmer Rouge for the first

A five-man team of UN military observers and an Australian signalman are trapped in the small town of Phum Kulen, 25 miles northeast of the Angkor Wat ruins, which foreign tourists now

This is the first time we have had an observation team in place from the onset of a ceasefire violation", said General Michel Loridon, the French deputy commander of the military component of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia. He said that Khmer Rouge shells were hit-

ting the town. General Loridon, during a meeting last night with the local Khmer Rouge com-mander, General Nuon Bunno, urged the Khmer Rouge not to fire on UN officers. Asked if the UN observer team at Phum Kulen would be pulled back, the general said that it would not.

Western diplomats were last night trying to work out whether the Khrner Rouge. under whose rule in the 1970s up to one million Cambodians were killed, were trying to torpedo the UNbrokered peace process or would "climb on board" at the last moment.

May 4 and he has had no indication of when it will be returned. Mr Miles, who has reported from China for the BBC since 1988, was detained for more than five hours on April 30 after he covered a protest in Tiananmen Square by seven Europeans, including Robert Party, a British MP.

The correspondent was later summoned to the foreign ministry for a "severe warning" and was accused of taking part in the demonstration, which he denies. He was warned again this week and told that by continuing to report he was complicating the foreign ministry's efforts to secure the return of his pass. A BBC spokesman said last night: "We are disappointed that the authorities have taken away James Miles's accredi-

tation but we expect the mat-ter to be resolved."

Police set up roadblocks for a second night around Pe-king University, the focus of the protests in 1989. Foreigners were prevented from going near the university, but it was reportedly quiet. Friends of the arrested men, whose Peking Workers Au-tonomous Federation was founded during the democracy movement and crushed with it, said that they had planned to gather quietly in a park to commemorate the crackdown.

The Associated Press news agency said Han Dongfang, 29, sometimes called China's Lech Walesa for his leading role in the union, was de-tained on Wednesday night while walking in Tiananmen Square. A friend said he was brought home yesterday but dozens of police guarded the building and barred visitors, apparently holding Han under house arrest.

Zhang Jinli, 35, was taken into custody on Tuesday night and police have refused to tell his family why he is being held. Zhou Guoqing and Qian Yumin were missing and believed under arrest, it was reported.

"They did not plan to cause any disturbance," one friend said. "They just were going to get together and talk among

• Hong Kong: Tens of thousands of people massed in a park last night to remember those killed in Tiananmen Square. Wreaths were laid at the foot of a replica of the Monument to Revolutionary Martyrs, which stands at the centre of the square in Peking and served as the headquarters for the student-led prodemocracy movement. (AP)

RIO NOTEBOOK by Mac Margolis

Briton hailed as rainforest hero

In the Amazon rainforest, a thousand miles north of this seaside city where the world's leaders are gathering to decide the fate of the planet. Oliver Henry Knowles was converted.

It was at a mining site on the Rio Trombetas, a river brown with silt that wends its way to the Amazon, the "river sea." The young Brit-ish forester had long been fascinated by the world's largest tract of tropical rainforest, but he had gone there not to marvel but to

cut it down. Then Mr Knowles had a change of heart. He left a sawmill for a tree nursery at a bauxite strip mining opcration in the central Am-\$20n. Acre by acre, he set to work repairing the damage

done by man. Mr Knowles will be admitted today, World Environment Day, to the Global 500, the roll of environmental crusaders chosen each year by the United Nations. Delegates from more than 150 nations will briefly set aside their differences to honour those who toil to mend the ecological

misdeeds of society.
When Mr Knowles first arrived in the Amazon forest, conservation was about the last thing on his mind. He set up a sawmill on a coffee plantation on the Perere river, deep in the Peruvian Amazon. Three decades and countless lessons later, the Sussex-born lumberman was an experienced ecologist. Indeed, Mr Knowles has

been doing penance for those wayward logging forest management engi-

tions Food and Agriculture Organisation, and for the last I i years as an ecological consultant to the Brazilian mining company Min-

eração Rio do Norte. As settlers, cattlemen, and mining moguls have in-vaded the vast rainforest, a handful of foresters have taken care to replant it, and so turn the precious tropical woods into a renewable

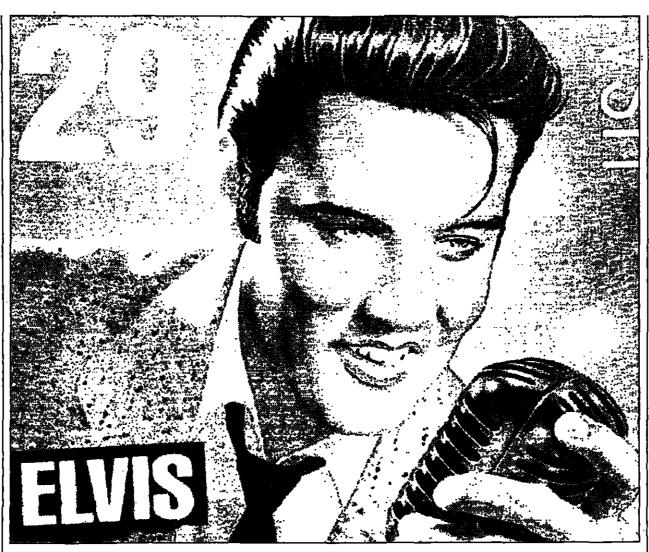
Mr Knowles treks over the mining province. replanting the forests that have been torn up by giant earth-moving machines. For here, under the jungles of the far north of Brazil, lie giant reserves of bauxite, the ore from which alu-

minium is made. "Somewhere in Genesis," he says, "there's a phrase that goes something like, 'God made man to be master over everything in the universe.' Man is only one small part of this

Mr Knowles's job has also given him a unique opportunity: a giant laboratory to test his theories of forest regeneration in the tropics. He has identified 1,086 species of trees, written two forthcoming books on Amazonian flora, and replanted more than 1,200 acres of deforested land.

"I shudder to think about some of the books I wrote on logging," said Mr Knowles, looking back on his past. "But I guess it makes sense. To be a good policeman you have to have been a good thief."

Summit proceeds, page 1



Stamp of approval: a picture of the young Elvis Presley chosen by Americans for a 29-cent postage stamp. Voters favoured it over one of the older Elvis by a majority of three to one. More than a million votes were cast. The stamp will be issued on January 8, the anniversary of Presley's birth. He would have been 58.

Pregnant man will get maternity leave

Edwin Bayron, a Filipino hermaphrodite who is nearly seven months pregnant, will get maternity leave like any ordinary female employee, the Phillipines health secre-

tary, Antonio Periquet, said.

Mr Bayron, 32, popularly
known as Carlo, will be given 45 days' leave as soon as he gives birth in August and will receive his full salary as a government hospital nurse, Mr Periquet said.

Mr Bayron, born with both male and female reproductive organs, is officially a man but had an operation in 1988 which enabled him to conceive. The father of the child lives with him.

and co-founder of the Peace Now movement, has been awarded the German book trade's prestigious peace prize

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Amos Oz, the Israeli author

The Greek government has settled debts owed by the former royal family to the state since 1961, the national economy ministry said. King Constantine, who fled into

for his "fight against fanati-cism, violence and

exile with his family in 1967. owed £1.8 million in unpaid taxes and accumulated inter-

Crowds of mourners thronged Ayatoliah Khomcini's golden-domed tomb in Tehran, beating their breasts and wailing to mark the third anniversary of the death of Iran's revolutionary leader.

Singers Paul Simon, 50, and Edic Brickell, 25, have married in a private ceremony in Montauk on Long Island, New York.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, Yassir Arafat, is in "excellent condition" after surgery to remove a cerebral blood clot, and should leave hospital this weekend to convalesce.

Princess Stephanie of Monaco told the French magazine Paris Match she will have a baby in November, name the child Jonathon and marry her former bodyguard, Daniel Ducruet, after the birth.



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Tories primed for revolt

Party unity has been fractured by the

Danish vote, says Peter Riddell

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n Tuesday evening, after news broke of the Danish vote against the Maastricht treaty, the Tory whips still intended to go ahead with the committee stage of the ratification bill the following afternoon. Twelve hours later, they had to abandon this plan in face of a probable fracas on the Commons floor. By last night even pro-European MPs were questioning whether the bill could be revived in its present form. The Tories are in deep trouble over Europe.

John Major faces his stiffest test as a party manager since becoming prime minister. His options are limited, as shown by his insistence on pressing on with the Maastricht deal. But the political balance has shifted. The carefully nurtured support of most Tory MPs in three Commons votes since last November is in danger of eroding. One experienced minister said he had been surprised by the extent, and source, of the dissent. Europe has been the most

the Tories since the 1960s. The whips have had to balance certain rebel-lion by a hard core of Tory MPs with the hope of securing support from

position MPs. In 1971 Edward Heath debated at length whether to have a free vote. In the event, while some 39 Tories voted against, the terms of entry were approved by a majority of 112, thanks to the sup-

port of 69 Labour MPs. Later He told MPs that the EC should revolts have been smaller, but the whips have had to work hard to minimise the number of rebels.

Mr Major and Richard Ryder, his shrewd chief whip, face the dilemma of how to persuade reluctant MPs to remain loyal in spite of their instincts. The people who matter are not the diehards. such as Teddy Taylor, Michael Spicer and John Biffen, who dislike Brussels and will never support such a bill. As I argued in this column two weeks ago, much more important is the genuine scepticism of a wider range of MPs. They suspect anything with a Jacques Delors approved label. Until now they have been loyal because they back Mr Major's judgment and splits might have been disastrous ahead of the

But these constraints no longer apply. If the Danes reject the ina ine German doubts about monetary union, why should we carry on with the pretence of support? The most striking comment in the Commons came from George Walden, not least because of his pro-European background as a former head of policy planning at the Foreign Office. He said the Maastricht treaty had not been wanted by ministers, by the House or by the country; the government seemed rightly more proud of its amendments than of the treaty itself, which should be put on the back burner. Senior Tories such as Sir Peter Hordern agree that the treaty should be looked at again.

A WEEK IN POLITICS

and that mood was behind the widely supported motion calling for a "fresh start".

This reaction is partly the usual fevered response to the unexpected. In time, temperatures will cool and the whips yesterday were warning new MPs not to undermine Mr Major ahead of the British presidency of the EC. But MPs' support will be conditional. They will want proof that Maastricht has reversed the trend

towards centralisation. Mr Major has only two broad options: first, publicly acknow-ledging that the Maastricht deal is dead and to begin again (as favoured by many Tory MPs); and, second, trying to make the best of the present messy situation. As they met in Oslo yesterday, all EC foreign ministers rejected

ministers rejected renegotiation. The danger, as Doug-las Hurd has warned, is that Britain might lose what it gained at Maastricht, such as strengthened inter-governmental cooperation in foreign affairs and law and order. British hopes for enlargement and settling its budget would be jeopar-

dised. Mr Major has no real choice but to persevere with as much of Maastricht as possible.

not "slam the door" on Denmark. as some countries suggest, by excluding it from the treaty. Britain favours a more conciliatory approach, possibly meeting Danish concerns through a protocol to the treaty. The other EC members also have to show they will ratify the treaty, starting with the Irish referendum on June 18. Until this is clarified, there is no point in going ahead with the committee stage, especially as many Labour MPs are uneasy about the party's pro-European line and want to take advantage of the Tories' predicament.

In the present restive mood, an adverse decision on proposals for the 48-hour week at a meeting on June 24 could be disastrous for Mr Major's policy, as could an EC insistence that Britain scrap its frontier controls. Nothing would do more to reassure the Tory reappoint M Delors. He has become as much of a bogey for Tory MPs as Arthur Scargill was. His head might guarantee pas-sage of the Maastricht bill. But there are no other candidates yet.

The EC has survived similar upsets in the past; as Mr Major said, "one generally finds that all things are possible in due course". With the instincts of a former whip, Mr Major knows that more than treaty legalities are at stake. To keep his party loyal, he must show he realises the mood has changed: that the EC has to develop in a more diverse and flexible way.

Televised reconstructions of a daughter's killing reawaken grief, writes Diana Lamplugh

Joan McLean and I share unenviable experiences. We have both lost a daughter, not once, not twice but three times: first when declared missing, then murdered and finally, when all we have left our memories, these are

swept away by the media.

My heart stopped still when !
heard Mrs McLean on Radio 4 speak about the clip she had briefly seen of the episode of London Weekend Television's True Crimes about her daughter Rachel's horrific murder by her boyfriend while she was studying at Oxford. (At the request of the principal of St Hilda's College, Oxford, LWT have agreed to postpone the film, which was to have been shown tomorrow, while

the students are taking exams.)
"Thames Valley Police wrote to
us to say the film was just about the police case and how it was run. But it wasn't a bit like I thought it would be," said Mrs McLean. The bewilderment, loss and pain in her voice exposed a raw nerve I had not realised I still possessed.

I remember my second daugh-ter Tamsin and I reading the first draft of a book written about Suzy's case together. We both felt and were physically ill. We read on

Thrice murdered

with growing distress and disbe-lief. This wasn't Suzy, this wasn't the lovely kind, enthusiastic, demanding, fun and totally alive person we knew. The appalling thing was that we began to believe the book too. This was the written word. We had trusted the author. People do not kick those who are

We did not then understand the laws of libel; that it was quite simply no crime at all to say anything, write anything, portray anything about a person who is dead or presumed to be dead. There is no moratorium for the recently deceased as there is on the Continent. The bereaved cannot speak up on their behalf.

And because something is writ-

ten under the guise of respectability or shown on a reputable TV programme, in a short space of time, to our deep distress, everything can be obliterated and substituted by a sham. Why do they do it? Why do authors, networks, the media in general,



Rachel McLean: exploitation?

insist on treading on such hallowed ground, stirring up mud and misinterpreting traumatic happenings in people's lives? Their activities are after all bound to cause hurt, however well they may be done. We, the bereaved (and that includes all the friends, neighbours, colleagues as well as

relatives) are sticklers for the truth. The age, the time, the place, the clothes, walk, hair - if any precious detail is wrong it will cause offence. So do the innuendo and speculation, the filling in of gaps, the "what might have beens". Above all, the insistence on stereotyping, the careless shorthand of the written word, the gradually add up to unreality.

When I spoke to Mrs McLean yesterday morning she said she vas not going to watch the LWT film "because a film cannot help but expand on our imagination and once those pictures are in your mind you'll never get rid of them." and secondly, "there will be specu-lation, no one knows the absolute truth, and the bits they put in are likely to be the ones retained by the

I know she is right; we have been there and suffered too. And there is also the guilt. We had both agreed in the first place to let the project go ahead. In the case of the

McLeans, the Thames Valley police had asked if a film could be made. They agreed because they had not felt the criticism of the force to be justified and wanted the record put straight. We agreed because we hoped the book might help others facing trauma and highlight the need for employers to protect employees. The one common denominator I have found I share with others who have suffered a similar tragedy is a burning desire to wrench some good out of evil.

We had of course both been naïve, and furthermore our disputes highlighted the film and the book, meaning higher ratings, more sales. However, I do not really believe that we are only a nation of voyeurs, enjoying our own fear like a horror movie. As I travel the country I meet real people to whom aggression and violence is a growing concern, presenting and needing realistic answers. Working from facts rather than fiction I meet with enthusiastic responses. However, I believe media portrayal of such events should be done with infinite care.

The author is director of the Suzy

The accidental tourist

When in Thomas Mann's Death in Venice Gustav von Aschenbach suspects that the Venetian authorities are suppressing news of the spread of a cholera epidemic he turns to "the English travel bureau in the Piazza". There he encounters a tweed-dressed clerk who exhibits "that steady reliabil-ity" which any upper-class Ger-man tourist in 1911 would have expected from the firm of Thomas Cook & Son. After offering the official explanation for the disinfection of the streets, the clerk Aschenbach the truth.

Long after Cook's Tours have ceased to resonate in the English imagination. Germans (now the world's busiest tourists) remember

The firm of Thomas Cook & Son is part of that emotional baggage of empire with which the British do not willingly part. Its sale to a German bank, after 150 years of flying the flag, is bound to be a wrench. Rather than dwell on the melancholy symbolism of such a Teutonic takeover, however, it is better to remember all the bless-ings of tourism which the name of Cook once meant to a nation of stay-at-homes

Even in 1939, according to A.J.P. Taylor, less than half the population left home for a single night in the year. A century earlier, foreign travel for pleasure was still the exclusive preserve of the wealthy. Thomas Cook, the Derbyshire labourer's son, invented self-cultivation. The initial impetus for this, as for so much else, came from the temperance movement: Cook was a printer by trade; he issued half a million pamphiets against alcohol abuse and opened two temperance hotels before he turned to organising excursions for teetotallers in 1841.

The success of his early, very modest, day-trips caused this quintessential entrepreneur to conceive his big idea: that "the newly developed power and facilities of railways and locomo-tion [should be] subservient to the advancement of the high interests of social brotherhood and moral-

Daniel Johnson on the travel agent who changed the world



ity". Thomas Cook also made a great deal of money out his tours, of course, but his chief motive always remained altruistic - so, at any rate, thought his son considered his father altogether too un-

The Cooks grasped that the British, an insular race, needed above all to be reassured that they would be in safe hands once they stepped off the boat into the unknown. Cook therefore invented hotel and railway vouchers, which later developed into the traveller's cheque, to minimise the chance of tourists being cheated or thrown into confusion by the need to obtain foreign exchange.

They succeeded in tapping the specifically British desire to be exposed to alien cultures while cocooned in comforting reminders of their own. "We may live without books," wrote the viceroy of India.

Lord Lytton, "but civilized man cannot live without Cooks."

Above all. Cook understood that the British needed their creature comforts. The history of the firm by Piers Brendon, published last year, quotes a young woman schoolieacher menu laid on by Cook for his tourists at a dinner in Paris in 1855: "Soup, fried eel, beef, brocoli [sic] and potatoes, veal, chicken, mutton, duck, peas, chicken again, tongue, salad, strawberry tart, brandy pudding, strawberries, cherries, sweetmeats, and to finish up a little dish of toothpicks! made of small quills."
It worked. By 1868, Thomas

Cook had taken two million people abroad: a prodigious number, ranging, as he boasted, from "the heir to the throne to the humblest greengrocer". But the two extremes did not always get on. On one his most popular excursions

down the Nile in 1869, Cook found his two steamers close behind the Prince of Wales's fleet of six ships - equipped with 3,000 bottles of champagne and 4,000 of claret. William Howard Johnson, war correspondent of The *i imes,* was with the royal party; ne later wrote scathingly about the 'respectable people - worthy intelligent - whatever you please, but all thrown off their balance by the prospect of running the Prince or Princess of Wales to earth in a

Cook & Son originally catered for the Victorian professional and commercial middle classes. At the turn of the century, these groups were being hugely augmented from the lower middle class. The clerks - Messrs Pooter and Polly. Forster's Leonard Bast and Jerome K. Jerome's three men in a boat — lived on £100 per annum. so could not afford cruises down

the Nile. But even they could hope to save up for Cook's next great innovation: "Independent Inclusive Travel", nowadays known as

the package holiday.

The decline of the firm of Cook follows a well known pattern: a brilliant founder, an energetic son, competent grandsons and then - disaster. By the 1920s the name of the game was expansion into new markets: working class holiday-makers were making an appearance, though it was not until 1936 that Billy Butlin cashed in on the new wave and opened the first of his holiday camps.

But the grandsons of Thomas Cook were deaf to these aspirations. In 1924 came hubris when they moved into a spectacular new Mayfair office (still the firm's HQ) known as "the Temple of Travel" Four years later came nemesis. when they sold the firm to the Belgian company of Wagons-Lits.

ook survived the second world war only as an adjunct of the state, and in 1948 was formally nationalised along with the rail-ways. The next few decades saw stagnation under the dead hand of the state, until in 1972 the Tories' first timid step towards privatisation saw Cook sold to the Midland Bank. As a small branch of a vast corporation Cook has failed to capitalise on its name.

The whole saga is an object lesson in the superiority of individual enterprise over collective bureaucracy. But it is also an inspiring example of the power of an idea — the idea of mass tourism - over inertia and corruption. However much intellectuals may deplore the incursions of the populace into places which were once the preserve of the few, they too have gained from the experience. But for Cook's clerk in the Venice office, for example, Thomas Mann might well have stayed on in his hotel, succumbed to cholera and never written Death in Venice. Thomas Cook & Son may now be one travel agents among many, but the idea which the firm once embodied has succeeded beyond the wildest dreams of a Derbyshire teetotaller.



...and moreover

t is only fair to warn those of ball bowled, all has to be done, you about to embark on todav's farrago that very little will come to it. You will disembark. I fear, complaining of an absolutely bloody ghastly trip, the silly fool not only took the long way round, he kept getting lost, and God knows where he dropped me, the middle of nowhere, I shall almost certainly write a strong letter to Hackney Scribblage Office, I do

not pay good money to . . . I know all this because I myself have just embarked upon it, as you can see, and I have to tell you that conditions up ahead are extremely murky. Visibility is down to less than 50 words. Were I an ornithologist. of course. I should be able to see 800 in front of me with no problem at all, but regular readers may recall that when it comes to birds there can be few undabber hands than I. who once sat in a nocturnal garden and managed, thanks to The Observer's Book of Birds, to identify every single call, from the osprey to the twite, even though none of these had ever flown within 100 miles of Cricklewood.

Well, I am back among them now, even more closely than last time, since I am three floors up. typing in the roof in front of an open window beyond which they are all going hammer and tongs. for it is 6am and that is what they habitually do at 6am. Typ-ing is now what I habitually do at 6am, but today is the first day of the Edgbaston Test, and if I want to settle down for the first never stopped before, so it

dusted and faxed by 11 o'clock, which is why I got up at 4am. This, however, is not the piece I was going to write at 4am, that piece was going to be about Europe, because I had just watched the 4am news and the word "Masstricht" had ap-peared on the screen above a digest of the treaty's cruces, forcing me to wonder if we were really ready for federalism if we couldn't even spell the word that was supposed to inaugurate it, a reflection that naturally led me on to the general mysteries of Dutch and whether it might be cognate with Scots, given that the Dutch word for motorway exit was uitgang, and I was getting along nicely with all this. as my wastebin would testify. when suddenly, it must have been 5.30, the dawn chorus

stopped. Absolute silence. Except for one sound. A 747 was flying, very low. I looked out and noticed that the birds on the chimneys were looking up. As I say, an omithologist would know right off what was going on, but I didn't even know how far a starling, or possibly an osprey, could see. Their eyesight must be reasonable, given that they can spot a worm from 50 yards, but how good was it over pointless, non-dietary distances

like 2.000 feet? And if it was that good, what was it about a jumbo jet that made them all unanimously silent? I have been in many a twittering garden when planes flew over, but the birdsong had

cannot have been fear that stopped it now. It occurred to me that it might have been envy, but why would a bird envy an airliner, a bird does not have to fly to New York and back every day with 400 people inside it queuing for the lavatory and complaining about the film.

No, the key must be that they

were in the middle of the dawn

chorus when the jet overflew, so the moment must be significant. Little as I know about birds, I have nevertheless heard it murmured by experts that the dawn thorus is something of a mystery, could be territorial declaration but we're not putting folding money on it, so I'm prepared to take a fiyer, especially as, if it were territorial, you wouldn't suddenly shut up when a plane came over, the last thing you would want would be to encourage a 747 to land, think of the worms a thing that size might get through, never mind its nesting requisites, there wouldn't be a decent twig left between Cricklewood and the coast. My conclusion? The dawn chorus must be a religious ceremony, a liturgical aubade to propitiate the gods, and when one of them turns up to acknowledge it the smart bird shuts its beak and gazes upwards in silent veneration. Or perhaps not, this may need more thought, but any moment now the umpires will emerge, I shall just switch on and, oh look, it's

teeming.
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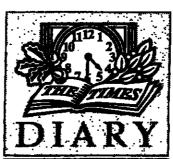
Let's all go to Denmark

RESURGENT after the Danish vote. Europe's anti-federalists, who are not meant to believe in such things, appear to have constructed a network of European co-operation that is the envy of their shellshocked rivals in Brussels. While the triumphant Danish doubters are flying to Dublin this weekend to bolster the Irish "no" campaign. Britain's Euro-sceptics are off to Copenhagen to thank the

Danes personally. Sir Richard Body, the only Tory MP to go to Denmark to help the nej campaign, will be joined by Sir Teddy Taylor, Michael Spicer, Richard Shepherd, Christopher Gill and others, all of whom want to make clear their gratitude. There is great enthusiasm for the trip and I think about 20 MPs will go," says Body. A seat has been reserved on the plane for Britain's best known anti-federalist. "The Danes would be delighted if Mrs

Thatcher comes with us." But the British MPs may find those they plan to thank are already hard at work in Ireland. The Denmark 92 group, which devised the Ja to Europe, Nej to the Union slogan has been asked by the anti-Maastricht campaigners in Dublin to help devise an equally punchy phrase for the Irish cause. Members of Copenhagen's Anti-European Movement are also flying to Dublin this weekend. Ola Sohn, one of the leaders, says: "We have learnt much which we can put to good effect in both Ireland and France."

The Tory rebels, who met at the Carlton Club to plan their opposition to Maastricht, will return to the club for a celebration breakfast before their flight to Copenhagen. Danish bacon followed by Danish pastries, naturally,



 An awkward moment in the Commons terrace bar on Wednesday night when John Major turned up to celebrate the 50th birthday of his PPS Graham Bright. Alan Duncan, the new MP for Rutland and Melton, whose house in Gayfere Street was used as the headquarters of Major's leadership campaign, was in the act of signing the critical Maastricht motion when he was spotted by Major and Gus O'Donnell, his press secretary. The paper dis-appeared behind his back as they made a beeline for him.

Ready, get set

ST AUGUSTINE, the patron saint of printers, will be working overtime today. He is being called on to oversee an attempt to break the world speed record for printing a book. Scriptmate Editions of Clerkenwell is hoping to beat its own record of 12 hours 26 minutes set in 1989 with Sir Frederick Mason's Ropley Past and Present. The book this time is William and his Adventures. a children's tale by Margrit Dunster. It is hoped the feat will raise £2 million for the Royal Marsden Hospital appeal, which wants 100 printed hardback copies available for auction

at its charity ball tonight. "The attempt is being very closely invigilated. We are hoping to come in at under 12 hours," says Ann Kritzinger of Scriptmate. As it is all in such a good cause it would be churlish to point out that broadsheet newspapers, which contain at least as many words as the average modern novel, meet even tougher deadlines on a daily

ard Nixon for the two decades since Watergate. The Washington Post finally thought it had caught up with the former president in Moscow this week. Nixon, in Russia as honorary president of the Fund for Democracy and Development, was due to meet journalists, including the man from the Post, in Red Square. After keeping them waiting for more than an hour a message came through. Nixon couldn't make it. "It was Tricky Dicky's revenge," said one left kicking his heels. "He can't forget and he will never forgive Carl and Bob."

Having been spurned by Rich-

Caught out

GRAHAM GOOCH'S England side were ruing the absence of the team chaplain, the Rev Andrew Wingfield-Digby, from the first Test at Edgbaston yesterday. A



former Dorset captain, Wingfield-Digby was away captaining the Church of England Clergy team in : their debut fixture against the Oxford Authentics (the university second XI).

"This is the first time I have been absent from the start of an England game," he says. "Any eam I am involved with wins. Whether his absence had a detrimental effect on England's performance the rain prevented us from discovering, but the chaplain should be back with his cricketing flock in Birmingham today. In the event of a poor England performance, the Church of England Newspaper, which sponsored yes-terday's C of E match, assens that "calls for the inclusion of members of the clerical team in the England XI will undoubtedly ring out from the pulpits of the land".

Pas d'un

THE POWER struggle at English National Ballet has claimed another casualty. Lucia Truglia. principal of the company's ballet school, has resigned over "dif-ferences in policy" with Ivan Nagy, artistic director. She will be succeeded by Kathryn Wade. a former soloist with the Royal

It is the second high-profile departure since Pamela, Lady Harlech, became chairman of the company at the end of 1989. Harlech, who declines to comment, sacked Peter Schaufuss, the artistic director, less than one month after her appointment. Yet if Schaufuss's departure was dramatic, he enjoyed sweet and swift revenge. Within 24 hours he was hired as artistic director to the Deutsche Oper Ballet in Berlin. taking 15 dancers with him. There is talk of Truglia following them. Lady Harlech will be hoping there is not a repeat performance.

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EUROPE GOES DANISH

Danish rejection of the Maastricht treaty has burst a dam. It has revived all those, in the British, German and other parliaments and among most EC electorates, with reservations about the pace of European integration. Britain must use its European Community presidency, which starts in less than a month, to find ways of making Maastricht more acceptable to the Danes and to all the others.

Merely to abandon the treaty is no solution. Some constitutional changes are needed if an EC of more than 12 members is to be workable; the problems of unanimity between countries with diverse interests and traditions would otherwise increase with enlargement. Maastricht has attempted a rough balance between expanding majority voting and greater emphasis on the principle of subsidiarity, between what is the business of the European Commission and what is handled by intergovernmental co-operation.

For 11 out of 12 to sign a separate treaty outside the Treaty of Rome would not deal with the needs of enlargement. It would create anarchy, as two overlapping sets of governments tried to do much of the same business under two sets of rules. If the Danes feel the balance of Maastricht leans too far towards federalism, improvement of the treaty is the obvious answer.

Yet that is at present neither being sought by the crestfallen Danish government, nor being offered by its partners. All of them have different reasons to fear reopening the battle between "wideners" and "deepeners" of the EC that would involve. Governments like Britain's, which ceded more power than they wanted to the Commission and the European Parliament, know that others - the Durch, Germans and Italians, for example that was the amount — might use renegotiation to press for still more authority to pass to Strasbourg.

But the worms might turn in more than one direction. There is a powerful swing in Germany against sacrificing the mark to monetary union, and the French fear that the German parliament would now insist on an opt-out from Emu, confined at Maastricht to Britain and Denmark. The enthusiasm of Ireland, Portugal, Greece and to some extent Spain for Maastricht is based on its promises of payments of unspecified sums of "convergence" money; they may insist that the cash is put on the table this time. The unsatisfactory Maastricht fudge on European defence masks deep disagreements on America's role in Europe.

Yet renegotiation would still be less damaging to the credibility of the European Community — and to that of the governments which cobbled this deal together than to spend the next six months bullying Denmark. The groundswell of sympathy is already discernible: a group of German MPs yesterday congratulated the Danes on breaking the taboo against criticism, attacking the Maastricht treaty as the "undemocratic product of a distant bureaucracy".

If governments dare not stir up debate by changing the text of the treaty they must explore ways to allow Denmark to opt out of those provisions which disturb its people most profoundly. If Denmark does not, for example, want to take part in the EC's expanded intergovernmental co-operation on foreign policy or defence, it could be

The idea that some countries should be at liberty to take smaller steps to European integration than others is anathema to the federalists. Yet article 236 of the Treaty of Rome insists that any changes in the rules must be unanimously agreed. To ride roughshod over that warranty for national governments would call forth scepticism and hostility by voters. It is not good enough for the other 11 simply to press ahead with ratification, and then tell the Danes either to sign up or get out.

A multispeed Community may in any case be unavoidable as membership grows. In Denmark, and possibly elsewhere, EC governments have taken a step too ambitious for their publics. Rather than pointing the finger of blame at the Danish electorate, they have to ease the anxieties underlying this revolt. The Danes are not alone.

LLOYD'S IN LIMBO

An insurance market relies above all else on confidence. Because Lloyd's has never failed to pay out on a legitimate claim in its 300year history, London is the insurance capital of the world. But confidence can crumble rapidly, and customers can insure elsewhere. So it is important to London as a financial centre that Lloyd's pulls through its current shaky period with enough capital to meet all

its claims. Yesterday Lloyd's announced a measure to restore its customers' faith. It will impose a levy on its members to double to £1 billion its central fund, the pot dipped into when members go bankrupt before meeting all their liabilities. Will this quell fears that Lloyd's members will not be able to meet their cumulative 1988-91 losses, estimated at £4 billion? Will it quiet calls for a government rescue?

... The government need not even consider . any bale-out. Lloyd's still has many avenues to explore. It has £200 million of property assets against which it can borrow. But more important is to stem the outflow of capital caused by members (also known as names) fleeing the market. It is they who have to pay up to meet any insurance claim. Their numbers have fallen from over 32,000 in 1988 to 22,000 today. And new names must be persuaded to join if Lloyd's is to make its capital base strong enough to cover these losses. Nothing will happen unless the market is seen to be scrupulously clean and well regulated. While there is even a suspicion that outside names can be taken for a ride by insiders, the market will look

unattractive to investors. In January, the Rowland task force, set up by Lloyd's to investigate its problems. produced sound recommendations, many of which the market is enacting. Lloyd's will try to ensure in future that members' losses are capped, albeit at a level so high that many names' wealth will still be wiped out. It also plans to create a new category of corporate membership, which should attract more money into the market.

But that leaves untackled the problem of members' current and recent losses. A few names who went into the worst syndicates are bearing a greatly disproportionate share of the market's losses. Many will be ruined and therefore unable to pay. Others asked to be put into low-risk syndicates and instead were bundled into the high-risk, catastrophe businesses. Had Lloyd's been covered by the Financial Services Act, for which many MPs argued at the time, this would never have happened. That it has is a measure of how poorly self-regulation has worked.

The scale of these individual losses is so great that Lloyd's may still have to call on profit-making members to share the burden. But it should also tap the pockets of the brokers, managing agents and members' agents who made money out of the names whether their syndicates were in profit or loss. This move will not be popular, but these organisations must recognise that they rely on the financial support of names and this funding is contracting fast.

Lloyd's would best improve its tarnished image either by asking to be brought in under the aegis of the Financial Services Act, or by borrowing the best practices of that act for itself. Such a move would require pride to be swallowed. Lloyd's has always argued that it can regulate itself. But the act ensures that private investors, who are almost certain to know less about financial markets than their advisers, are well informed about the risk of their investments. At Lloyd's many appear to have been misled by their advisers. In future such malpractices must be punished. Recovery of the market's reputation and financial credibility depends on their not being allowed to happen again.

ALL OUR CUCUMBERS

Ignoring the old Irish adage about not making a crisis out of a catastrophe, a backbench Deputy warned the Dail in Dublin on Wednesday that nothing less than "the status and credibility of the Irish cucumber" was at stake. Last week some 30 people in towns all over Ireland had reported feeling ill after eating Irish cucumbers. What

was the government going to do about it? The eyes of Europe rest rarely on the Dublin Dail, and when they do it is good they should be edified. The little people are dear to the Irish heart, and whether the little people in question are the voters of Denmark or the cucumber growers of Ireland, or even salad eaters with stomach ache, they must be heard. If necessary the designs of the politicians must be suspended meanwhile. So the juicy questioning of the Irish agriculture minister took precedence over the laoiseach's dry emergency statement on the Danish rejection of Maastricht, though one intervening member did mysteriously mention "Danish cucumbers".

While Albert Reynolds, the prime minister, waited to speak. Deputies accused the Irish government of putting all 60 jobs and the £1-million-a-year Irish cucumber industry at risk. Because of an over-zealous "global" health warning, thousands of the things might have to be destroyed; cucumber farmers faced ruin. Nothing less than full

compensation was demanded. Such an event in the life of the Irish nation can be viewed at more than one level. In the great sweep of history, and though the Cucumber is a fruit not a root, any potential blight in a vegetable crop rings mournful bells in Ireland. It was the horrendous mid-

19th-century potato famine which, combined with ruthless farming methods by the landowning classes, ravaged the Irish countryside and drove Kellys and Murphys by the million to Liverpool, London, New York and beyond. Unable to enjoy their salads without the cucumis sativus they are accustomed to, a successor generation to the railway builders of a century ago (now mainly accountants and solicitors) will surely be booking their passage by the weekend.

Furthermore, though the malaise in the Irish cucumber remains undiagnosed, defiant cucumber junkies were still out in the streets of Dublin looking for a fix. Not only was the government's warning over-hasty, it was not even effective: John Gummer should thank his maker he was not born an Irish agriculture minister. Whether the cause was a misuse of spray, a virus, even a genetic mutation, has not yet been established by public health analysis in Galway, Cork and Dublin. Yet premature warnings had dampened the demand for all cucumbers, guilty and innocent alike. All this was also the government's fault, Dail Deputies felt.

Whatever the Maastricht treaty may mean to the Irish, they will clearly tolerate no arrangement which denies them the right to defend the credibility and status of the Irish cucumber. Nor should they. The cucumber points to larger issues: about government being close to the people, as close as the side salads on their plates and the twinges in their bellies. And about the need for official spokesmen to contemplate the effect on the jobs of even 60 workers before they rush to speak. Clearly the Dail can take a sick cucumber in its stride. But can Brussels?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Danish vote: lessons for Rio, Brussels and Westminster

From the Executive Director of Greenpeace UK

Sir, Coming as it did on the eve of the opening of the Earth summit, Denmark's rejection of the Maastricht treaty provides the European Community with a timely opportunity to strengthen its environmental policies. The watering down by the EC of some of Denmark's existing environmental legislation was one of the concerns that led to the "No" majority.

For example, the EC pesticides directive is likely to force Denmark to allow onto its market a number of pesticides that are at present banned; and the directive on the labelling of solvents limits the number of solvents that the Danish government could label as hazardous to health.

The Danish government itself tried to address this problem. In a memorandum of October 4, 1990, concerning the Treaty of European Union, it demanded that "the solution of the fundamental environmental problems should not yield to other interests" and that "rules within environmental policy should be adopted by qualified majority while keeping the right of member states to retain or introduce more stringent measures of protection".

Similar suggestions were made last December, prior to the Maastricht negotiations, by Greenpeace in a report entitled The Single European Dump. This warned of the need for the treaty to be changed to make environmental protection an overriding objective of all EC policies, to allow EC members the right to take unilateral action to protect the environment and to ensure that all harmonisation measures move toward the establishment of the highest level of environmental protection prevailing in any member

That such fundamental environment measures were not negotiated contributed to the Danish "No" vote. To renegotiate them now, as part of the Maastricht process, would enable the leader of the EC delegation to the Earth summit, Laurens Jan Brinkhorst, to point to some real

flesh on the bones of his assertion that "We in the EC believe it is very important to make ourselves credible to developing countries by showing that the developed world is not only offering words, but taking steps to put our own house in order.

Yours sincerely, PETER MELCHETT. Executive Director. Greenpeace UK. Canonbury Villas, N1. June 4.

From the Chairman of the Bruges Group

Sir, The Danes have democratically registered what everybody knows: that the process of European cooperation is speeding off in the wrong direction -- towards bureau-cracy and sclerosis.

For Britain, this fact is currently symbolised in the constitutional unacceptability of a Greek bureaucrat in a Brussels office claiming the right (in terms of "health and safety") to determine how many hours in a week Britons, Danes and everybody else may be permitted to work.

In these negotiations, it is not enough for Mrs Shephard, the employment secretary, to try to get "the best deal for Britain". It is for the British government to make very sure that Britain cannot be put in this absurd and humiliating pos-

The Danish vote also reveals a clear failure of the political process, for all the major parties went along with the Brussels club; those Danes who cared for Danish national integrity went unrepresented.

What politicians throughout the Community must now face is the likelihood that a basically oligarchic system of politics in most countries, and even genuine democracy in Britain, have failed to reflect the real aspirations of their peoples.

We may certainly expect that a Commission so evidently keen to extend its powers and to increase taxation of its putative subjects will seek to punish the Danes for their temerity in rejecting the chains of Community.

The Danes, like the British before them, were threatened during the campaign with the sanction called "isolation". All that this can mean is a bureaucratic cold shoulder in the corridors of the Commission.

The British government now has a historic opportunity to slow down the frenzy of Commission ambitions, to create a less borched treaty, perhaps even to do something to restore confidence in the federalist court at Luxembourg, but above all to prevent any attempt to marginalise the Danes in the name of Brussels dubbability.

Yours faithfully, KENNETH MINOGUE. Chairman,

Bruges Group, The London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, WC2.

From Mr Anthony Batchelor

Sir. Does not the prime minister's refusal to permit a referendum on Maastricht amount to the strongest possible justification for an "initiative bill" to be passed requiring a referendum to be held when - say -5 per cent of the people sign a petition calling for one?

That would certainly make Parliament more careful to stay in step with the people in future. Parliamentary sovereignty is fine but popular sovereignty must surely take precedence if they are in conflict.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY BATCHELOR. Orchard House, Whitegates, Bromyard, Herefordshire.

From Mr G. J. Worwood

Sir, When I was a boy the EC (European Community) was known as the EEC (European Economic Community). Perhaps the Danes have noticed the difference.

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no evidence of glue ever having been

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expert a frescoist to have needed to

The fact that some commentators

seem actually to prefer the present clean but mutilated state of the

frescoes to their previous dirty but

artistically-intact condition is of

some cultural significance; but it

does nothing to establish the probity

of this bitterly contested restoration.

MICHAEL DALEY (UK Director,

Yours faithfully,

15 Capel Road,

Artwatch International).

East Barnet, Hertfordshire.

make glue-painting revisions.

Yours faithfully, G. J. WORWOOD, Briarsley, 15 The Avenue, Wanstead, E11. June 4.

applied by restorers.

Car registrations

From Mr Craig Sams

Sir, Britain's motor manufacturers lobbied strongly for the introduction of letter registration during the 1960s because they sought a cheaper way of making cars obsolete than the costly process of introducing new improved designs each year (leading article, "Obsessed with letters", May

29).

The decline of the British motor and shortsighted action. It stimulated a surge of demand for new cars every August which ourstripped the manufacturers' capacity to supply, and created an annual blackmail opportunity for union negotiators which they were quick to exploit.

With summer a slack time for new car sales elsewhere in the world, foreign manufacturers gratefully capitalised on Britain's annual supply vacuum, sold their surplus stocks here, and carved a growing market share.

Compared to the horrors of the CAP the collapse of Britain's motor industry is small potatoes; but it provides further illustration of how government protection of vested interests often achieves a result opposite to that desired.

CRAIG SAMS. 269 Portobello Road, W11.

Royal Arsenal

Yours sincerely.

From Mr Richard Hewlings

Sir, Your article on the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich (May 26) states that "Vanbrugh was commissioned to design a new foundry" and that Vanbrugh was asked to remodel Tower Place. Perhaps he was, but there is no evidence for this. The buildings were constructed by

the Board of Ordnance, whose records do not include any payments to identifiable architects, although most of the board's buildings of that period, at Woolwich and elsewhere, have a highly idiosyncratic style in common.

There is, however, some evidence that they were designed by Hawksmoor, as a sketch for one of them, the barracks at Berwick on Tweed, has recently been identified and is apparently in Hawksmoor's hand.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD HEWLINGS (Inspector of Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings). English Heritage. Chesham House, 30 Warwick Street, W1.

Housing and spending From the Director-General of

the National Home Improvement

Sir, The Director of Shelter (letter, May 27) argues that Norman Lamont's proposals to exclude mortgage interest payments from the retail price index in order to bring the measure of inflation in line with Europe will create an anomaly regarding European practice relating to public finance.

Perhaps we should encourage the Chancellor to go ahead because he may also be opening a Pandora's box to make possible a proper scrutiny of the way receipts from the sale of council houses are being treated by

Sistine restoration

From Mr Michael Daley

Sir, Richard Cork (Critic's Choice, Life & Times, May 29) was rash to pronounce critics of the restoration of the Sistine Chapel wrong so soon after the restorers' decision to abandon their controversial cleaning agent Solvent AB57.

The expensive passages of gluebound paint removed from the frescoes constituted the final stages of been applied (as has been claimed) by subsequent restorers. That Michelangelo was the author of this gluepainting is susceptible to two clear proofs - one technical, the other

1. The glue-painting was applied when the plaster was brand-new and not yet cracked. The painting, accordingly, had not run into cracks on the surface but had itself cracked with the plaster. This relationship of paint to supporting material is usually accepted by restorers as an infallible guide to the age and authenticity of a

Today's restorers have ignored this evidence even though it is a matter of record that the ceiling had cracked

Criticism of Paras

Sir, I know nothing at first hand about the present controversies surrounding the Parachute Regiment in Northern Ireland (reports, May 26). But the regiment has been the target of much criticism.

From Sir William van Straubenzee

I think it fair therefore to record that during the time I was a minister of state in Northern Ireland 20 years ago I received a deputation of Catholic clergy and lay people from Ardoyne, which is of course itself a staunchly Catholic area in Belfast. At that time troops served for threemonthly tours. The purpose of the deputation was to ask that the tour of duty of the Paras in the Ardoyne should be extended.

I have a vivid recollection of the earnestness with which this request was made. I was told that the Paras had brought peace to the Ardoyne. "We are now able to hold our Corpus Christi procession", one priest told

I think it not unreasonable that the record should be balanced somewhat. Yours faithfully.

WILLIAM van STRAUBENZEE, York House. 199 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.

June 1.

Sense of direction From Mr B. M. Strickland

Sir, In defence of the likes of Neil Armstrong. Christopher Columbus and Sir Edmund Hillary, I write in response to your leading article, "When sex is blind" (May 28).

Difference, as the article points out, does not necessarily imply superiority. However, when talking about a sense of direction, efficiency and viability must be the intrinsic qualities of a good navigator. This being the case, a system of direction based on memory and visibility must be severely limiting.

Certainly, with lighting: a female the Treasury. Council-house sales

have realised nearly £20 billion -

more money than any other sector of

This is without any special treat-

ment for write-offs, yet the Treasury

still rules that 75 per cent of local-

authority receipts from council-

house sales has to be set aside to

reduce local-authority debt. Never-

theless, some £8 billion of capital

receipts remains tied up with various

local authorities, many with serious

housing problems, because of Trea-

All this comes at a time when a

serious funding problem is restrict-

ing the supply of social housing and

imposing a restrictive means test on

home-improvement grants, inhibit-

sury past requirements.

the privatisation programme.

can navigate her way from the dairy counter to the meat counter to the checkout counter with more proficiency than her male counterpart: but remove her from this known environment and confront her with the unknown and her system by definition, in theory and in practice, fails her.

Relying on a system of time and distance allows for the need for adaptation and can be used in any environment, from the featureless desert to the featureless high seas. Yours faithfully,

BEN STRICKLAND, 6 Queen's Elm Square, SW3.

ing many people from obtaining financial assistance to restore unfit housing. The housing, repair and maintenance value of out-put fell in 1991 by 14 per cent, the largest single annual drop since 1979.

The English house-condition survey, prepared last year by the Department of the Environment but still unpublished, will undoubtedly show a continuing deterioration in the condition of housing and an increase in unfit dwellings inhabited by poor householders.

Yours faithfully. ERNEST CANTLE, Director-General. National Home Improvement 125 Kennington Road, SE11.

Slowing down the population train

From Mr Anthony Steen, MP for South Hams (Conservative)

Sir, The letter from Bruce Kent and others (May 29) predictably failed to mention over-population. That is why the Earth summit should be in Rome, not Rio de Janeiro, so that the Vatican can be confronted with the evidence.

It took from the ice age until today for the world population to reach five billion. It will double in 60 years — i.e., by 2050 — to ten billion. Nothing can stop that. Even the tragic death toll from the Ethiopian famine did not stem the tide there new births replaced deaths within six months - and the tragic Aids epidemic is unlikely to have much

The population train has gathered such speed that it cannot be stopped. All we can do is to try to slow it down doubling the world population is inevitable; but we can stop it from tripling. The Earth has finite re-sources. Whilst it can support a world population of six billion if they lived mainly on a vegetarian diet, only 2.8 billion would survive if 25 per cent of their diet were from animal products, as in North America.

We therefore face the prospect not only of unsustainable human population increase, but accelerated environmental damage, such as fresh water shortage, marine pollution, climatic change through acidification, stratospheric ozone depletion, global warming and sealevel rise.

Quite simply, over-population is the key issue facing the world. The future of the planet depends on it. That is why the Catholic Church has to face up to these issues, and contraception put back on the Earth summit agenda.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY D. STEEN (Executive committee member, All-Party Population Group), House of Commons.

A tax on oxygen? From Dr D. W. R. Gray

Sir, As the Earth summit begins, two of the most pressing global issues are the need to reduce deforestation and the use of fossil fuels. Clearly the two are linked, but can they be joined in a

practical solution? The consumers of fossil fuels in the developed world all accept that they must pay the going price for that fuel, but in fact half of the energy produced comes from a resource for which they do not pay, and is used in fact that oxygen is invisible has presumably led to this oversight, although users of oxygen in other situations, such as medicine, have become used to paying a high price for this "free" resource.

Invisible or not, oxygen production in a global economy should be viewed as costing money (which it undoubtedly will if we are forced to plant trees to increase the supply of oxygen in the future). It is therefore reasonable to propose a payment for oxygen usage which could be levied on fossil fuels, perhaps at the time of sale on the international market.

The international fund so raised could be redistributed to each country on the basis of its forest-covered area, as ascertained by satellite. As tropical forest is likely to produce much more oxygen than, say, subarctic pine forest (a little research should quantify this), it should be possible to stratify the payment

according to type of vegetation.

An appropriate level for the oxygen tax would perhaps be the cost of planting sufficient new forest to replace the oxygen used. Yours sincerely,

D. W. R. GRAY Oriel College, Oxford.

From Mr David J. Powell

Sir. How ironic that a large portion of your Saturday Review of May 30, devoted to the urgent need to protect the environment, should contain seven pages of advertising for motor cars, the single greatest threat to the environment. Can we not at least insist that all new cars, and all advertisements for new cars, should carry a public health warning? Yours sincerely.

DAVID J. POWELL 3 South Lodge Close, Tankerton, Whitstable, Kent.

Grave goods

From Mr Trevor J. Chenery Sir, In his book, The Pleasures of Age, the late Robert Morley wrote, As we know so little about the conditions which will prevail I have left instructions that my credit cards be buried alongside of me" (Diary, June 4).

Given that Times readers may have similar anxienes, what single personal possession would they want to have alongside of them on their ultimate journey?

Yours faithfully. J. CHENERY. 339 Essex Road. Islington, N1.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 4: Mr Sydney Chapman, MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) had an audience of The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply. The Baroness Denton of Wakefield was received by The Oueen upon relinquishing her appointment as Baroness in Waiting to

Her Majesty.
The Lord Cavendish of Furness and the Earl Howe were received by The Queen upon relinquishing their appointments as Lords in

Waiting to Her Majesty.
The Baroness Trumpington was received by The Queen upon her appointment as Baroness in

Waiting to Her Majesty.
The Viscount St Davids and the Viscount Goschen were received by The Queen upon their appointments as Lords in Waiting to Her

Majesty.
The Governor-General of Jamaica was received in audience

by The Oueen by Her Majesty.

The Queen held a Council at

12.40pm today. There were present the Rt Hon Antony Newton, MP (Lord President); the Rt Hon Ian Lang. MP (Secretary of State for Scotland): the Rt Hon David Hunt, MP (Secretary of State for Wales): the Rt Hon Archibald Hamilton, MP (Secretary of State for Wales): the Rt Hon Archibald Hamilton, MP (Secretary of State for Wales): retary of State, Ministry of

Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP (Speaker of the House of Com-mons) was sworn in as a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in

attendance as Clerk of the

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Charles Rideout was received by The Queen and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as Head of the Royally and Diplomatic Protec-tion Department, Metropolitan Police, when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen visited Leicester Square this afternoon to mark ceived by the Lord Mayor of Nemeth) and the Leader of West-minster City Council (Councillor David Weeks).

After touring displays in the Square The Queen opened the Gardens, and unveiled a plaque commemorating the visit and the start of the Silver Jubilee

British Federation of University

Miss Beryl Roper, President of the

British Federation of University

Women, was host at a luncheon

held yesterday at Crosby Hall, Chelsea, for Women of Achieve-

ment. Among those present were:

Sarah Hogg, Mrs Margaret Beckett, MP, Dr Lotte Newman, Mrs J M Bradford, Mrs M P Downs, Ms Brenda Hancock, Miss Margaret Maden and Miss Eliza-beth Neville.

G.E. Gardiner, Beatrix Potter

School, has won a Music Scholar-

ship Award for September 1992

Latymer Upper

at Latymer Upper School.

School

Luncheon

Her Majesty subsequently switched on the new underground Electricity Sub-station and was received by the Chairman of London Electricity (Mr John

The Oueen then met member Exchange Council and watched displays by schoolchildren of

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Robin Janvin and Licutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance. The Duke of Edinburgh, President, attended a meeting of members of the Central Council

of Physical Recreation and the British Olympic Association at Buckingham Palace this The Prince Edward this morn-

ing left Gatwick Airport, London, for a visit to the United States of America. Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, the British Olympic Association, this morning attended a meeting of members of the Central Counof heartest of the Central Conn-cil of Physical Recreation and the British Olympic Association at Buckingham Palace. Her Royal Highness, President,

afterwards attended the Annual General Meeting of the Animal Health Trust, at the Kennel Club, Clarges Street, London W1.

The Princess Royal, President, Hackney Horse Society, this afternoon attended the National Hackney Show, Ardingly and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Sussex (the

Duke of Richmond and Gordon).
Her Royal Highness, President,
Save the Children Fund, this
evening attended a Reception at
the Sovereign Exhibition, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7.
The Princess Royal, President. Royal Yachting Association, this evening attended an Olympic Fund-Raising Ball at the London Hilton Hotel, London W1.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke CLARENCE HOUSE

June 4: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief, today presented on behalf of The Queen a new Queen's Colour to the Royal Air Force Central Flying School at RAF Dame Frances Campbell-Pres-

ton, Sir Alastair Aird and Captain the Hon Edward Dawson-Damer

KENSINGTON PALACE June 4: The Ambassador of Venezuela (His Excellency Dr Francisco Kerdel-Vegas) was received by The Prince of Wales

His Royal Highness, accompa-nied by The Princess of Wales. this morning was the Reviewing Officer at the Founder's Day Parade at the Royal Hospital. Chelsea, London SW3.

The Viscountess Campden and Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser, RN, were in attendance. The Prince of Wales today visited Wells and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset (Colonel Walter

His Royal Highness this after-noon visited the Wells Museum at Cathedral Green, Wells, The Prince of Wales visited

Bath and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt). His Royal Highness subsequently attended a Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication in Bath Abbey followed by a Recep-tion in aid of the launch of Bath

Abbey 2000.
Finally The Prince of Wales,
Patron, Bath International Festival, attended a special gala concert at the Assembly Rooms, Bath.
Miss Belinda Harley was in

amendance.
The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, this evening anended a performance of the film "Rush" at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, Piccadilly, London W1. Mr Patrick Jephson was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE June 4: Princess Alexandra today visited Berwickshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Berwickshire (Major-General Sir John Swinton). Her Royal Highness opened Paxton House for the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the Paxton Trust at Berwick upon

Subsequently Princess Alexan-dra visited North Yorkshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt). Her Royal Highness opened the new Department of Mental Health of the Northalierton

Health Services Trust at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.
Later Princess Alexandra opened the Dales-Care Centre at

The Lady Nicholas Gordon

Dinner

Queen Mary and Westfield

ers present were:

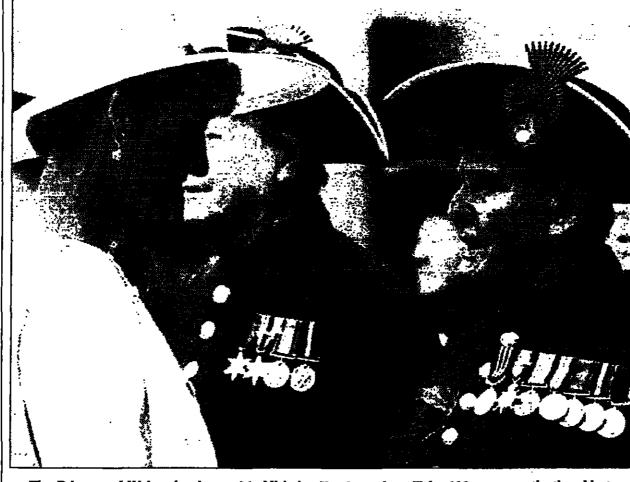
The Bishop of Stepney, Rabbi Hugo Gryn, Miss Catherine Lamper, Profes-sor Andrew Rutherford, Miss Janes Surman, Commander John J Allinson, Mr D J Dickinson, Mr Anderson Dunn and Mrs Helen Sarkany.

Donhead St Mary, Wiltshire, diplomat, left estate valued at £12,994 net.

Marriage

Mr S. Schulthess and Miss L Vizhelety
The marriage took place on Schulthess, of Lucerne, Switzerland.

life of Julian Amyes will be held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, on



The Princess of Wales chatting to Mr Nicholas Keating, who will be 100 next month, the oldest pensioner of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, after the Founder's Day parade yesterday

Arnold Goodman lecture

Charities 'should be treated like private companies'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

CHARITIES must face difficult questions about their future if they wish to maintain their moral supremacy in a market economy, Simon Jenkins, editor of The Times, said last night.

Mr Jenkins said that charities should be treated, in most respects, like private companies. They should be forced to become more accountable. vulnerable to monopolies scrutiny and face stronger regulations.

Delivering the ninth Arnold Goodman Charity Lecture, in the Great Hall of the Inner Temple, central London, Mr Jenkins said charities had thrived over the past decade and were on their way to a better one.

They have benefited from the apparent exhaustion of the welfare state, run out of steam, gasping from its past aggrandisement. They have benefited too from an increasing propensity to give, especially to the outer reaches of

Charities have been viewed school, hospital, university, benignly by government, and have not only raided the moral high ground of post-socialist politics but have thoroughly colonised it. Mr Jenkins said.

Using the United States as such restraint implies policy an example of where private choices." The public sector

welfare, Mr Jenkins spoke against granting unlimited scope to charity tax is restricted by cash limits, he

Tax deductible covenanting and payroll giving schemes have helped to increase donations to charity. Mr Jenkins said: "Charity deductability is an open-ended commitment to spend. In the circumstances, the Trea-sury naturally feels some obligation over the allocation of those unlimited resources.

"It is helping to finance an alternative fringe welfare state. It is not just individuals and corporations who are giving to charity, but the generality of taxpayers as well." He asked whether government could continue to ex-

welfare sector" without eventually ruining public finance, as it has been ruined in the United States. "One model of a new post-Thatcherite 'enabling' welfare state had charitable institutions running every

tend tax reliefs to a "voluntary

public housing estate in the land. "The implied tax reliefs are unlimited. At some stage, the reliefs must be restrained and

old people's home, prison and

controlled subsidies through tax relief while the state sector

Newspapers are bombarded by charity press releases every day, he said. "Charities claim special treatment, demand free advertisements, can frankly be arrogant and rude." They behave like any commercial organisation in media exploitation, seeking publicity through controver-

Mr Jenkins argued that charities lacked the democratic legitimacy of a government organisation with attendant parliamentary accountability. They also lacked the answerability to shareholders of a private company. People with little training or expertise were often invited to be responsible for funds and

"I should like to see every charity forced to make its mission, its membership and its sponsorship more trans-Mr Jenkins parent, arguing that better run charities would protect the sector against a backlash from the left or right.

He described the charitable sector as the last great tract of almost unregulated rain for-est in the British political economy, a "glorious fifth es-tate of the realm".

The Levs School. Cambridge

Scholarships and Exhibitions

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Foundation Scholarships: D M Greeves folonilon Scholarship with Musici. The Edinburgh Academy: C Mody. Beechwood Part; C R F Wingfield, S Faith's. Foundation Exhibitions: C G Hawkins. The Ley's School and St Faith's. R A Marchant (St Faith's Exhibition). St Faith's P J Wass, witham Hall. Music Scholarships: C Mody. Beechwood Paris; T G J H Reindorp, St John's College School.
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Sixth Form Exhibitions: Shiao-Mae Chan, Raffles Girls' Secondary School.
Singapore: Sophie E Morgan-Gilder ISir Richard Windrey Exhibition). Our Lady of Sion School. Worthing: J Whitmore. The Leys School. Westingborough School. Music Exhibitions: S A Arnos, Newport Free Grammar School; Sara K Stanggoom. Norwich High School for Girls. Girls.

Sixth Form Art Scholarship: Sophie E Morgan-Gilder, Our Lady of Sion School, Worthing.

Strik Form Art Exhibition: R Crilley, The Leys School.

Artwright Schoolarship: W G Pewter. The Leys School.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of the Royal Society of Chemistry on May 8, 1992. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the let-

F H Allen, A C Banerjee, A J Banister, A M Barus. D W Bertinge, P J Clerkin, R Fisher, D L D Foster, I C Kerr. J H Laurerbach, M J Leigh, R Mainl, R W Manhews. C J Nash, D J Norman, J Richards, C F Skeller, N W Smith, J F Van Susden, J T Vann and D W Young.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ELROPOL PLC
th Administrative Receivership
NOTICE IS HEREBY GYEN
pursuant by Section 48 of the
insolvency Act 1986, that a meding of the creditors of the above
company will be heid at Price
Waterhouse. Southgale House,
61 Millistone Lone Lokewise on
17 June 1992 at 10.00am for the
purpose of considering a rebort
on the exemb leading up to the
appointment of Joint Administralive Receivers. progress in the
receivemship and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated 26 May 1992
R J Rees, FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES

1 A creditor will be entitled to tole al the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at THE ABOVE. ADDRESS no later that 12.00 hoose on the business day before the day flued for the meeting and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the insolvency Rules 1986.

Isis, the Oxford University Maga-zine, will be celebrating its cen-tenary year on Wednesday, June 17, at the United Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall. Former editors of the magazine who have not yet received invitations,

Forthcoming gikl SARIAI marriages

Mr J.G. Demaine and Miss T.J. Golding The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs David Demaine, of Belton-in-Rutland, and Tanya, daughter of Mr John and Mrs Jane Golding.

of Halifax, West Yorkshire.

and Miss E.M. Johnston

The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mrs B.E. Grant, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Mr N.B. Grant, of Swindon, Wiltshire, and Liza, daughter of the late C.G.
Johnston and of Mrs H.M.
Johnston, of Salisbury, Wiltshire

Mr T.G.M. Inglis and Miss S. Ramlan

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs J.G.F. Inglis, of Chichester, and Sianne, daughter of the late Mr J. Ramlan and of Mrs R.S. Ramlan.

Mr J.A. McMunn and Miss E.L. Joslins

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Edward McMunn, of Gourock, Renfrewshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Josling, of Caddington, Bedfordshire.

Captain W.M. Murphy

between Captain Walter Mark Murphy. The Royal Irish Rangers (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th) son of the late Mr and Mrs D.J. Murphy and stepson of Mrs M.M. Murphy, and Charlotte Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L.D.M. Pepler, of Westmeston, Sussex.

Mr A.C.P. Palmer and Miss S.L. Andrews
The engagement is announced

between Andrew Courtney Pemberton, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Palmer, of Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Australia, and Sarah Louise, only daughter of Mrs George Clark and the late Kenneth Andrews, of Holmfirth,

Mr D. Powell

and Miss P.M. Lumsden
The engagement is announced Major and Mrs D. Powell, Finchamostead, Berkshire, and Philippa, eldest daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs J.G. Lumsden, of Boscombe Down,

Mr S. Rîley and Miss S. Hawkes

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs P. Riley, of Crowthome,
Berkshire, and Sarah, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs
AJ. Hawkes, of Birch Vale.

Mr M.W.A. Rymaszewski

The engagement is announced between Marek, only son of the late Major Zbyszek Rymaszewski and Mrs Alek-sandra Rymaszewska, of Kensington, London, and Janie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Griffiths, of Wall under Heywood, Shropshire.

Mr C.H. Wells

The engagement is announced : between Christopher Hayward, Wells, of Shelton, Huntingdon, and Kathryn Jean, youngest daughter of the late Mr Ian Gordon and of Mrs Ian Gordon,

LEGAL NOTICES

Telephone 071 481 4000

Many waters cannot quench love, no flood can sweep it away: if someone were to offer for love all the wealth in his house, it would be laughed to scorn. Song of Songs 8:7 REB BIRTHS

ANDERSON-MAIR - On May 15th 1992, at the Clinique des Franciscaines, Versalties, France, to Pascale the Chupin) and Craeme, a daughter, Sophie Charlotte Marte Elisabeth, a dearly loved sister for Lauriane. BARTON - On June 4th, to Kabel and Simon, a daughter Victoria Jane, a beautiful sister for Alexander.

BEELEY - On May 3141 1992. To Charlotta mée Paley) and Ruperi, a daughter. Elisa Christina Emmeline. a sister for Jemma and Thomas BELMORE - On May 28th 1992. Io Kristina inée Wittiams and Olaf. a daughter. Isabella Victoria. a sister for Sophio. Relph and Stefan. STANCLIFFE - On June 2nd. Io Jane and John. a daughter.

SENNETT-JOMES - On May 30th 1992, to Alison (nee Walls) and Peter, a daughter, Mailida Emma, a sister for BEYNON - On June 3rd, to Calherine (nee Grose) and Tim, a daughter, Eleanor Jane, a sister (or Jessica,

BLISS - On May 29th in Milan to Veronica (nee Barnes) and Jonathan, a son, George Piers, a brother for Henry, CHRISTOU - On May 25th. kg

Amber and Anionis, a beau ful baby son, Alkiviad Anthony Congralulation and good luck for the futur ELGEY - On May 26th 1992, ic Michelle free Savagel and Alan. a son. Matthew Christopher, a brother for JORDAN - On June 2nd 1992. at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taumion, to Simone uner Nesbitti and Mike, a super strillious son. LLOYD-THOMAS - On May 16th, to Patricia Ince Towey) and Adrian, a daughter, Crace Hannah, a sister for

MARTIN - On May 31st. at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Chris and Sue, a daughter, Claudia May, MeCOMB - On June 1st. in Melbourne, Australia, to Elizabeth (nee Abboll) and Bruce, a daughter, Lisa Jane,

MERRICK - On May 30th, to Anne and Keith, a daughter.

Caroline and Michael, a son.
Aritur John, a brother for
James and Freddie.
PLUMER - On May 31st. to
Alison une Round and David,
a daughter, Imogen, a sister
for Rosalind. RINCK - On May 31st 1992. to Virginia inée Floweri and Gary, a daughter, Romilly Francesca Flower, a sister for Alexandra and Ben.

ROBINSON - On May 29th 1992, to Kate (nee Macnab) and Peter, a son, Samuel Lawrence.

STANCLIFFE - On June 2nd.
lo Jane and John, a
daughter, a stater for Harry.
Tom and George.
SUMICH - On June 4th. to
Nell and Jane inée Waltersi,
a daughter, Alexandra
Marie, at Swan District
Hospital, Perth. WA,
Grandfather Barry and uncle
Simon Walters in London

MARRIAGES CLEWER:SMITH - On May

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

IURFORD - Mrs Pauline Hurford and family would like to thank the many colleagues and friends for colleagues and frienus for the their kind support and for the many floral tribules and letters of condoleance that were received on the death of her husband Roy Weston

her husband Roy Weslo Hurford, He is greatly misse by everyone DEATHS

ALDRIDGE - On June 3rd, peacefully, Willrid Malhias, aged 78, of Woodford Green, Essex, Father of John and David, grandfather of David and Michael, Cremation Salurday June 6th at 10 am. Manor Park Cemelery, Sebert Road, London E7, Family Rowers only, donations to Cancer Research.

College Professor Graham Zellick, Principal of Queen Mary and West-field College, London University, presided at a guest night dinner held last night at the college. Professor John Chalker, vice-principal, and Mr Stanley Wright, treasurer, attended. Among oth-

Latest wills Sir Isham Peter Garran, of

Saturday, May 30, in the Chapel at Nussbaumen, Schaffhausen, Meggen, Switzerland, to Miss Lisa Vizkelety, of Lucerne, daughter of Mr Imre Bela Vizkelety, of

The reception was held on a riverboat on the Rhine and the honeymoon will be spent in

DEATHS

BROOKES - On May 23rd.
Shella Frances (née Puzey).
whilst on holiday in Vancourer. Dear wife of Geoffrey. much loved mother of Bill and devoted grandmother to Michael and Ellen Mary. Private cremation took place on June 4th. Memortal Service on Saturday June 13th at St. Petrox Church, Darlmouth at 11.30 am. Family flowers only: donations. If wished to R.S.P.B. c/o R.C. Pillar & Sons Ltd.. Anzac Street. Darlmouth. 1el: 109031

BEAUMONT - On June 2nd.
peacefully at home in
Lavenham. Kenneth. dearly
loved and loving husband of
Joan and father of Beverley
and Jane. grandfather.
brother and father-in-law.
He will be greatly missed.
Funeral Service at the
Church of St Peter and St
Poul. Lavenham. at 2 pm
Monday June 8th followed
by private cremation. No
flowers please but donations
If desired to Royal Marsden
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W.A. Deacon Funeral
Services, High
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Lavenham. Sudbury.
Suffolk. CO10 9PY.

BOOSEY - On Monday June

BOOSEY - On Monday June 1st 1992: peacefully at Arthur Rank House. Cambridge, Dr. Ceila Boosey. after a tong tilness which did not damp her enthusiasm for itting. The funeral service will take place at 2 pm on Thursday June 11th at Crear St Mary's. The University Church. Cambridge. followed by committal at the East Chapel of Cambridge Crematorium. Family flowers only. but if destred

Crematorium. Family flowers only, but if desired donations made payable to The Macmillan Fund for Cancer Retief may be sent c/o The Co-operative Funeral Services, 34 James Super Cambridge

CAVELL - On May 31st 1992.
Catharine (Kitty) of Hunsdon. Heris. much loved sister, auni, great-aunt and friend. Family cremation in Beckenham. Memorial Service at St Dunstan's, Hunsdon. on Fricay July 3cd at 2 pm. No flowers but donalions if desired to help provide induction Luke System for the Hard of Hearing in Hunsdon Church ifund started by Kitty). It is to Mrs. Judi Chapman c/o Kellaways Fune at Service. 104 Lordship Lane. East Dulwich. SE22. Ici: 1081) 693-2898.

Julian Amyes A service of thanksgiving for the

charity is assumed to be an could demand to know why integral part of public the charity sector receives un-

ANNOUNCEMENTS DEATHS

CORR - On June 3rd. at. Watford General Hospital. Nuala Brigid inèe Gallagheri. of Bath. Avon. wife of Gerald. mother of Jane. Laura. John and Sarah. sister of Maeve and Fergal. Funeral Mass at The Church of the Sacred Heart, Bushey. Herts. at 10 am on Monday June 8th. Enquiries to A. France & Son. let: (0711405-4901. CAMINOS - On May 26th. suddenly in London, Ricardo Augusto, formerly Wilbour Professor of Egyptology, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, aged 76. Cremailon private, Memorial incetting will be arranged.

CAMERON-SMITH - On June 2nd. In Amesbury Abbey Nursing Home, Sulvia Mary, aged 92. Requiem Mass at the Church of Christ the King, Amesbury, at 12.30 Tuesday June 9th.

DANAHAR - On June 2nd. at his home. Dennis (Danny). aged 57 years, much loved father, grandfather and friend who will be deeply missed by all Funeral at Croydon Crematorium on Monday June 8th at 11.30.

DAVIES - On June 3rd 1992, peacefully at home after 3 months of tilness bravely fought Morgan, dearty loved husband of Jeen, adored father and grandfather of Jennie, Flopa and Chris and their families. DEVITT - On June 2nd.
peacefully, Philip Eyre, aged
85 years. Headmaster of
Falconbury School 19481968, much loved husband
of Patricta and dear father of
Desmond and Ann.
Cremellon at Eastbourne on
Wednesday June 10th at
30m. Familty flowers only,
donations if desired for Joint
Educational Trust c/o
Mummery F/D, 31 Devonshire Road. Bexhill-on-Sea

DONALDSON - On June 2nd 1992, at RNH Haster, after a short lilness. Edward Mortlock (Teddy) C.B. C.B.E. MORITOCK (1800) C.H. C.B.E.
D.S.O. A.F.C. Air Commodore RAF. His theer and friendship will be hissed by many. Funeral SI Andrew's Church, Tangmere, Sussex, 2.30 pm Thursday June 11th DUNN - On June 2nd, in her 93rd year, at the Royal South Hampshire Hospital. Winchester. Margaret Webster. wife of the late William Scott Dunn. much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral 10.30 am Monday June 8th at St Andrews Church, Meonstoke. Friends welcome. Private burlat alongside her late husband, at Southstoneham. South-ampton. Flowers to Pink & Son, Funeral Directors. Bishops Waltham. Hampshire.

ERCOLANI - On June 2nd
1992 peacefully. David
Barry Ercolani OB E.
dearly loved husband of
Cerry, father of Lucia. Roma
and Venelia. grandfather of
Francesca. At the age of 71
after a long and difficult iffiness courageously endured.
The funeral service will be at
the High Wycombe Parish
Church on Thursday June
11th at 3 pm. followed by a
private family cremation

FERRIER - On June 4th 1992 at St. Raphael's Nursing Home, Edinburgh, Victor Ferrier Noel-Palon, Baron Ferrier of Culter, peacefully, and in his 95rd year, pelos ed husband of the late Joane Mary Wiles, father, grand-father and great-grandfather Service at Mortonhail Crematorium Main Chapel on Tuesday June 9th at 5pm. No flowers please.

FINNIGAN - On June 4lh. peacefully in hospital. Jean Sime Finnigan MBE. widow of Li. Col. F.W. Finnigan MC. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church. Hambledon. Surrey. at 11.30 am on wednesday June 10th. Family: flowers only but if desired donations to The Cheshire Home, Clock Barn Lane. Godalming.

Barn Lane. Godalming.

GRAHAM-CAMPBELL - On June 2nd. Lillar Catharine Craham-Campbell. VI B.E. aged 84. of Cirton. Cambridge Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church. Girton. on Thursday June 11th at 2.15 pm. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The British Red Cross Society.

Cross Society

HALLEY - On June 2nd,
peacefulty in St
Christopher's Hospice.'
Thomas Henry: 'Tomi.
husband of the late Mary and
father of Rachel. Thomas
and Kalle. Funeral Service to
be held at Christ Church.
Beckenham. on Tursday
June 9th at 10 30 am. Flowers to Francis Chappell &
Sons. 238 High St., Beckenham or donations, if desired.
to St Christopher's Hospice.
Sydenham. SE26 6DZ

JONES - On June 3rd, peacefully in hospital. Oliven Elizabeth inde Walkirst, aged 87 years, beloved wife of the late Prof. Martin Jones (Aberystwyth formerly) of Aberdeen and Newcastle upon-Tyne. Public funeral service at Morfa Chapel, Portiand June 12th at 1 pm followed by interment at Horeb Chapel Cetmetery. New Cross. Aberystwyth. Family flowers only, donations in lieu for Christian Aid may be given to W.H. Dantell & Son.

KINCH - On May 30th, in a car crash in Ireland, Barbara Patricia inée Paton Walsh. Mass to give thanks to God for her life and her tove al Si Edmund's Church, Village Way: Beckenham, Kenl. on Thursday June 11th at 11am. Donations to Brillish Association of Cancer Critical Patients. 121/123 Charterhouse Street, London ECIM 6AA or cancer research. Flowers to Copeland & Son. Beckenham

McDONNELL - On May 18th
1992, suddenly in Kyrenla.
John. originally of
Portsmouth. latterly for
some years in Kyrenla,
betoved brother of
Josephine. half brother of
Elleen and uncle of Simon
and Sarah

McKISSOCK - On June 2nd. suddenly whilst in hospital. in her 31st year. Rachel. beloved wife of Wylie.

OLIVER - On June 2nd following a tragic accident william Vartin Farquinarson. of The Dillas. Glouceslershire. formerly Royal Artillery: husband of Vane and father of Frances and Robert Beloved of his family and friends Funeral Service at Sheepscombe Parish Church. Glos. on Wednesday June 10th at 230 pm. Family flowers only donations in lieu may be sent for Gloucester Samaritans or Palnswick Linited Council of Churches c/o Phillip Ford & Son iFuneral Directors: Ltd Diricton House. Stroud. Clos.

DEATHS

PAGESTONE LIMITED

TAKE NOTICE THAT I the undersigned Michael William Voung of Morton Thermon & Co., Torrimgton House. 47 Holtwell Hill. St. Abann. Herrifordshire ALI 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Pagestone Limited by a Resolution of a meeting of the company's shareholders held on 18th May 1992.

Notice is also given that creditors of the company must send details. In writing of any claim against the company to the Liquidator, at the above address by Friday, 10th July 1992 which is the last day for proving claims. The Liquidator also given notice that he will then make a final distribution who has not made after by the date mentioned will be excluded from the benefit of any such distribution.

The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full. DATED this 28th day of May 1992.

M w YOUNG, LIQUIDATOR. MEMORIAL SERVICES

BACON - A Thanksgiving Service will be held for Francis Thomas (Tom) Bacon at St Mary the Virgin, Oreat Shelford, near Cambridge, on Wednesday June 17th at 1.30 pm. Salurday June 20th at 3 pm LORD HAVERS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lord Havers of St Edmundsbury will be held on Monday June 8th 1992 at 5pm in The Temple Church.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR 42ND ROYAL TANK
REGIMENT - In proud
memory of all ranks of the
42nd Royal Tank Regiment
125rd London), who gave
their lives during the
campaign in the Western
Desert 1941-45, and particularity on this day, the 50th
Anniversary of the bettles in
the Cauldron. Fear Naughl'.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE BS FLRTHER GIVEN that E.W. Sirresport F.L.P. at 64 C.C.M. 652. a separate to Act at the qualified inseturery Practice or pursuant to Section 96 (200 or the Sald Act who will furnish Creditors with such a formation as they may require DATED this 290th 4n of May 1992 BY ORDER OF THE BUARD DT MONER, DIRECTOR

ters CChem FRSC:

please contact Isis. Tel: 0865 57627.

and Miss K.J. Gordon

Telefax 071 782 7827

Notice of Appointment of Sole Liquidator and Notice of Calmin Creditors to Calmin Handle Company of Penni Ltd Principle of Calmin Handle Company of Penni Ltd Principle of Grain, Kern MES CDY, Pilo of Grain, Notice of Her Company Creditors of the Company treditions of the Company who have not already done a should liter claims in writing to submill their claims in writing to Submill the Submill their claims in writing to Submill the Submill their claims in writing to Submill the Su INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CAVENDISH & CASTLE PLC
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RETAIL LIMITED
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SUPERCARDS LIMITED
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QUANEW LIMITED
(ALL IN ADMINISTRATIVE
RECEIVERSHIP) Notice is hereby given that meetings of the creditors of the above named comparties will be noted under the proximons of Sec. 1996 at The Votantier of New York of the Connaught Rooms. Great Queen Street. London wiczB 5DA on Friday 19 June 1992 comment. Friday 19 June 1992 comment. In all 10 00 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 4992 and Section 49 of that Act. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to strend or to be represented at the meeting. Creditors who latend to vote at the meeting should note the following:

ial Written statements of claim must be lodged with the administrative receivers by 12 noon on the day before the meeting at Recket House, I Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU in Proxises for use at the meeting must also be lodged with the administrative receivers.

Dated 3rd June 1992

W M Roborts

Joint Administrative Receiver

LEGAL NOTICES

your Birth. Marriage or Death announcement please call 0831 154270

> between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

PERSONAL APPEARS IN LIFE & TIMES SECTION - PAGE 11 WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18 HYPERBATON (b) A figure of speech in which the customary or logical order of the words is inverted, usually for the sake of emphasis, from the Greek haperbatos

MALLECHO "Marry, this is miching mallecho, it means mischief." It is a disputed passage, but one guess is that it comes from the Spanish malhecho a misdeed. Michen is to skulk or hide, as Herrick's cat grew fat with eating many a miching mouse.

(c) Speaking two languages, bilingual, from the Greek di-double + glossa tongue: "The conquests of Alexander and of Rome had made men diglottic to an

lumbricas a worm, name given to the Lambrician group of annelids.

extent which has no parallel in history. LUMBRICINE Pertaining to earthworms, wormish, from the Latin

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OBITUARIES

ALBERT SARFATI

Albert Sarfati, French impresario, died suddenly in his sleep in Moscow on May 23 aged 71. He was born in Sousse, Tunisia, on February 12, 1921.

TO THINK of so gregarious a man as Albert Sarfati dying far from home and friends in an hotel bedroom is depressing. He was on his way to St Petersburg to discuss a visit of the St Petersburg Philharmonic to Japan next year. Already he was going to produce the Bolshoi Opera in a season in Paris next winter. He had set out with all his customary ebullient cheerfulness, which dominates everyone's memory of him.
Albert Sarfati's customary

greeting, as belits an impresario of the old-fashioned sort, was a beaming smile and an invitation to champagne. But his generosity was not confined to those occasions when it was com-mercially expedient. Bonhomie was his stock in trade, and nothing was too much trouble for him. One example springs to mind: when a critic of this paper was bewailing that he had learned so late of a particular production in Paris that all tickets for it were gone, Sarfati's response was to profer an invitation to Maxim's the next day and there, over lunch, to reveal casually that although the show was being presented by a rival management, he had managed to ensure that a ticket would, after all, be available at the door that

His father was a diplomat. but Sarfati liked to hint at obscure and even disreputable beginnings. He allowed it

to be supposed that his connection with artistic matters began when, driving through the Tunisian desert, he came across a touring group of dancers whose coach had broken down. Stopping to help, he was so taken by the beauty of the ballerinas that

he decided he was in the wrong job and needed to be involved in ballet. Be that as it may (and he was a tremendous raconteur who relished gossip and did not hesitate to embroider a good story) it has to be said that he was hard working and able in his chosen task of moving ballet and opera companies and musicians around the world. Mostly he exported leading French companies such as those from the Paris Opéra or Roland Petit's Ballet de Marseille, and brought companies to France, especially from Russia. He also did much to promote Canadian culture abroad, after being involved with French presen-tations there. He developed

tour there.
The trade of an impresario is a risky one, and there were times when his generosity did not sustain much in the way of reserves to back it up. But he was an honest man. One of his colleagues who worked with him regularly remarked: "The bills always got paid although when was some

special links with Japan, too,

and, for instance, arranged

the Australian Ballet's first

times another matter." Safarti leaves a widow, Lily, who is a former dancer, and two daughters who were their father's special pride. The three of them are intending to continue with the family business.

BRIG MICHAEL HOLROYD-SMITH

Brigadier Michael John Holroyd-Smith, OBE, British defence attaché in Sau-

di Arabia, and a commander in the Falklands War, died from cancer on May 30 aged 53. He was born on September 15, 1938.

MIKE Holroyd-Smith was awarded an operational OBE after commanding 29 Commando Regiment, Royal Artillery, with distinction in the Falklands War. The Regiment fired more than 17,000 rounds in support of the assault troops of 3rd Commando Brigade as they "yomped" across the northem flank of East Falkland in the steady British advance on Port Stanley in 1982.

This was despite the loss (through the sinking of the freighter Atlantic Conveyor) of virtually all the RAFs big Chinook helicopters on which the artillery had been relying to deploy their 105mm guns and ammunition. Holroyd-Smith was considered unlucky by his contemporaries not to have been awarded the Distinguished Service Order after glowing reports on his energy and professionalism.

This was not the first time that his courage and leadership in action were thought to have been insufficiently rewarded. In 1966, while serving as a young captain in the Radfan region during the Aden emergency, he was recommended by his battery commander for the Military Cross. But the commendation failed for technical reasons.

On the other hand he was sometimes lucky. In 1969 he escaped with his life, while serving with 29 Regiment in Singapore, when he was in a helicopter which crashed in dense jungle in the Malayan mountains. The wrecked helicopter landed upside down in verted to a regular troop commander, adjutant,



the canopy of trees, its pilot unconscious but Holroyd-Smith comparatively unharmed. After reviving the pilot he struggled with him up a mountain ridge. There they fired flares which were eventually spotted by a

searching aircraft.
Mike Holroyd-Smith was always described as a soldier's soldier. The son of an RAF group captain who commanded a fighter station during the Battle of Britain, he was born in Hong Kong and educated at St Paul's School, Darjeeling. He first joined the Royal Artillery as a national serviceman, but concommission and by the early 1960s was serving on secondment to the Trucial Oman Scouts in the Middle East.

This posting seemed to set the pattern for much of his subsequent career. After qualifying in colloquial Arabic at the Army School of Languages, he was to serve at one time or another in four different countries on the Gulf.

Still more significant, however, was his qualification in April 1966 as a commando and fully trained parachutist. Shortly afterwards he joined the 29th Regiment. This was the first of several tours he was to spend with it, as a battery commander and eventually its CO.

The Regiment had been assigned its commando role in the early 1960s, to provide artillery support for the ma-rines — particularly in respect of Nato's northern flank. The 7th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery fills a similar function for the Parachute Brigade.

Over six foot tall, well built and supremely fit, Holroyd-Smith was a natural candidate for the job. Outgoing and often outspoken, he -sought adventure whenever it failed to find him first. After leaving 29 Regiment in Singapore in 1969, he drove all the way home with his wife in a Triumph Herald. Skirting Burma for political reasons, they made it back to England three months later via India, Afghanistan and the

Balkans. He was a good shot and a fine skier, but an even better sailor. A member of the Royal Ocean Racing Club, he took part in several Fastnet races, the 600-mile Middle Seas race in the Mediterranean (while serving in Malta during the early 1970s) and once crossed the Atlantic with a Royal Artillery crew.

His postings after com-manding in the Falklands included a tour in charge of Old College, part of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, followed by his promotion to brigadier in 1990 and a full course in Arabic before his appointment as defence attaché in Saudi Arabia last year. His arrival in Riyadh had to be postponed for a short while because of the Gulf War.

Mike Holroyd-Smith, who was still serving when he died, is survived by his wife Sally, whom he married in 1967, and by their son and daughter.

PHILIP STERN

Philip M. Stern, a philanthropist, best-selling author and crusader against institutionalised corruption in American politics. died in Washington on June 1, aged 66. He was

born on May 24, 1926.

WHEN Philip Stern used the phrase "The Best Congress Money Can Buy" as the title of his 1988 exposé of the corrosive influence of money on the American system of government, he struck a chord that continues to resonate. Stern's target was the political action committee, or PAC, more than 4,000 of which continue to pour money into congressional election campaigns on behalf of special interest groups.

Such giving, Stern argued, was hardly philanthropic. The donors expected, and got, favourable treatment from congress which enabled them to reap vast profits. He extracted admissions from one in five congressmen that political contributions affected their votes on legislation, and urged the abolition of the PAC system and its replacement by public campaign financing. Senators, he pointed out, were compelled to raise \$10,000 every week during their six year terms in order to finance their bids for

Stern blamed the public perception of inevitable corruption for the low voter turnout in US elections, and may well take some credit for the growing number of congressional resignations this year, and the huge public support for the maverick presidential

candidacy of Ross Perot. A scion of the Rosenwald family which built Sears Roebuck and Company into one of America's largest retail chains, Stern grew up as an iconoclast who directed millions of dollars from a family charity to groups trying to end poverty and promote social change. He founded two political organisations in the mid-1980's: Citizens Against PACs and the Campaign Research Centre, both intended to draw attention to the influ-

ence of money on politics. He was noted for his sense of humour, sometimes wore a Lenin button on his lapel, and sent every senator and congressman a free copy of The Best Congress Money Can Buy — along with a \$1 bill to be used as a bookmark.

After graduating from Harvard in 1947, Stern worked for a time as a reporter in New Orleans before moving to Washington and becoming a legislative aide to two Democratic congress-



men. He returned to journalism in 1957, founding a newspaper on the outskirts of Washington, before being appointed a deputy assistant secretary of state by President John F. Kennedy in 1961. In the State Department he worked with the economist John Kenneth Galbraith. who later recalled that Stern distinguished himself by "attending meetings and asking inconvenient questions of important people".

His spell in government convinced Stern that he could promote more change from outside, and he spent the next 30 years as a writer and philanthropist, publishing six books and dozens of articles for leading publications. Philip Stern is survived by

his former wife, three sons and two daughters.

JOHN GOUGH

John Gough, CBE, a former secretary of the Confederation of British Industry, has died aged 81. He was born on June 18, 1910.

JOHN Gough's career at the Confederation of British Industry and its predecessor organisation, the Federation of British Industries, spanned nearly 42 years. He was secre-tary of the FBI when it amalgamated with the British Employers' Confederation and the National Association of British Manufacturers to form the CBI in 1965. His lawyers of the three organisations to reach an amicable agreement on issues such as a new constitution for the merged organisation, administration and staff pensions. A

> previous attempt to amalgamate the FBI and BEC in 1948 had been unsuccessful. Gough was secretary to the newly-formed CBI from 1965 to 1974. He served five CBI presidents (Sir Maurice Laing, Sir Stephen Brown, Sir Arthur Norman, Sir John Partridge and Sir Michael Clapham) and two directors general (John Davies and Sir Campbell Adamson) and masterminded the setting up

of the president's committee,

designs for the Café Costa in **Brigitte Starck** Paris and for buildings in Los Angeles, New York and To-

The couple worked on the renovation of the private apartment of the presidential Elysée Palace in 1982, transforming parts of it into hightech elegance.

the "inner cabinet" of the CBI. He was appointed CBE in 1972.

He was educated at Repton and Keble College, Oxford, where he gained a first class honours degree in history. He then taught history to the sixth form at Stowe for a year before beginning his career at the FBI in 1934 as personal assistant to the director. Sir Guy Locock. In 1940 he became assistant secretary.

This was a "reserved occupation" during the second world war and so he became a member of the River Thames Fire Service and retained an biding memory of hosing the blazing St Katharine's Dock from the river. In 1959 he progressed to be secretary

Past colleagues remember him as a modest man, a firstrate organiser who was good at bringing on junior mem-bers of staff. He is also remembered by his friends for his courtesy, wit and generos-ity of spirit and as a keen opera-goer. On his retirement Gough moved to Devon, near Dartmoor. As a farmer's son he loved the country, walking the moors, studying the local history and helping his wife, Joan, with her beloved horses. Gough is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

BRIGITTE Starck, wife and partner of Philippe Starck, one of France's best known designers, has died in Paris. She was 41. Starck worked with her husband designing furniture as well as on interior

with a post-graduate student-

SIR ROBIN PHILIPSON

Sir Robert James "Robin" Philipson, RA, painter, died in Edinburgh on May 26 aged 75. He was born in Broughton-in-Furness, Lancashire, on December 17, 1916.

ROBIN Philipson was born south of the border but he was essentially a Scottish artist. He was educated in Scotland and it was to Edinburgh that he returned when the war was over. He remained domi there, knowing that artistteachers are the respected norm in Scottish art colleges and that they are likely, talent permitting, to enjoy a strong network of support. But he knew too that recognition as a British artist, in London art circles, could be slow and

This was true of Robin Philipson, despite regular London shows at Roland, Browse and Delbanco's gallery. Philipson was further underrated in that he was not a typical Edinburgh painter. Along with William Gear and Alan Davie, he was one of those European "figurative expressionists" yet to be grouped and identified by art historians. They were related in style to the more publicised "Cobra" group, which in the 1950s was given artistic impetus by reacting both to, and against, the free vigour of the New York abstract expressionists. A violence of brushwork and mood, strong

colour and very personal

Awards

sporadic.



themes characterised Philipson's painting. Robert James Philipson

went to Whitehaven Secondary School in Cumberland. When he was 14 his parents moved to Gretna and he attended Dumfries Academy, going on to Edinburgh College of Art from 1936 to 1940. At Edinburgh he was influenced by the art of two teachers. William Gillies, whose style of naturalism was touched with Cubism and Expressionism, and John Maxwell, whose work was of a more dream-like, visionary quality.

The war took Philipson to India and Burma from 1942 to 1946 with the King's Own Scottish Borderers; he was also attached to the Royal Indian Army Service Corps. Philipson returned in 1947 to Edinburgh College of Art

ship, soon followed by a teaching post. He added to Maxwell's style of personal imagery. Philipson also responded strongly to Kokoschka's painting, with its painterly expressionism and to De Kooning's more abstract mark-making.
In the early 1950s

Philipson took up the theme - also used by sculptors of the time — of the fighting cock. vous tension reflected the political decade of the Cold War, but it was also a legacy of Philipson's own war experience. The underlying mood of menace, sometimes human, sometimes animal, sometimes erotic as in Picasso, surfaced repeatedly in Philipson's work through his life. But this was just one strand. His varied approach to painting also included serene watercolours, elegant oils, and jewelled, exalted views of cathedrals, sometimes of Byzantine splendour. with golden screens or iconostases, such as appear also in Anne Redpath's work.

In 1952 Philipson's work was included in a touring exhibition organised by the Scottish Arts Council, and solo exhibitions followed at the Scottish Arts Council and the Scottish Gallery in Edinburgh. These were succeeded by two solo London shows at Roland, Browse and Delbanco's gallery in 1960 and 1962.

After the theme of fighting cocks, Philipson made a series of paintings during the 1960s on the themes of kings and queens, first world war soldiers, crucifixions and cathedral interiors. All were boldly handled. In the 1970s, the linear

nature of his brushwork diminished as he sought for more clarity of overall design. Animals, especially those conveniently-contoured zebras, his scenes. But the sense of violence, menace and sexuality was ever there in the background, even if seen in a

detached way.

Typical of his late 1970s style are the paintings of partially-dressed women, apparently observed by the snarling dogs in another section of a

diptych format.
Philipson became head of the School of Drawing and Painting at Edinburgh College of Art from 1960 to 1982; he was also president of the Royal Scottish Academy from 1973 to 1983, having served as its secretary from 1969 to 1973. He made a belated appearance in London's Royal Academy as an honorary associate Academician in 1973, and as a full Academician in 1980. He was

knighted in 1976. Robin Philipson married in 1949 Brenda Mark; in 1962, Thora Clyne: and in 1976. Diana Mary Pollack. There is one son, also an adopted son and an adopted daughter.

Birthdays

vant. 86: Miss Moira Anderson. singer, 52; Viscount Cobham, 49; Miss Elizabeth Curnow, QC, 57; 53; Mr Robert Drayson, former East, former chief constable, playwright. 45; Sir Jack Jacob, QC, former Senior Master of the coroner, 77; Mr Neil Milligan, trades unionist, 66; Mr Phil Neale, cricketer, 38; Professor Sir Rudolf Peierls, physicist, 85; Miss Margaret Rawlings, actress. 86: Mr Nigel Rees, author, 48; Vis-count Rochdale, 86; Mrs Elizabeth Shaw, secretary and executive director. Charity Commission, 46: Mr Richard Stone, portrait painter, 41; Sir Arthur Vick, former vice-chancellor, Queen's University of Belfast, 81; Dr LL Ware, founder, Mensa, 77: Vice-Admiral Sir Barry Wilson, 56.

The following have been elected officers of the Turners' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr E.W. Sawney: Upper Warden, Mr P.F.W. Venn, Renter Warden, Mr A.C. Hamilton.

YOUR solendid obituary to Eric James (May 19) testified to his notable science teaching, and to his great contribution as headmaster, vicechancellor, chairman.

Lord James

of Rusholme

APPRECIATION

Your details about his time at Winchester were very apt and evocative. I had the good fortune to do my teaching practice at Winchester in 1939. My supervisor, who gave me a wide programme of classics and history, one

day said I should go to sit in on Eric James. I was a little surprised as I was no scientist, but did as I was told. Imagine my surprise when I heard him speaking winged words about Jane Austen and her novels, and finding no difficulty in holding the attention of his scientists and a young classics graduate. It was most enlivening, and I have never forgotten him, as well as learning a good deal from listening in at the Rough House, which is so happily described in your obituary.

A. H. Brodhurst

1917

ON THIS DAY June 5

One can imagine this article being greeted with ribaldry from the front-line trenches. but the bloodiest of wars has its lulls, and, not for the first time the paper recognised the need for a contrast to it.

JUNE IN FRANCE British Headquarters, France. Never, surely, did France see a month of May of such continuous sunshine and riotous and intoxicating growth. Five weeks ago we were still in winter, and now in early June it in heat and in the deep-toned

leafage of the trees. I have watched certain cop-per beeches which were mere bare poles in the last week of April, shivering in the bleak north wind, put out their buds and within a month pass through all the gamut of their colours from the first pale yellow green to gold and scar-let, until now they are deeper than blood red — darker than claret - as if it were already August. The horse chestnurs, which had not a leaf on May 1. have put on all their foliage and decked themselves with all their blossoms, and for more than a week they have been dropping their petals on the little stream below till it is almost choked with great white

There is a meadow which at the end of April was all flushed with the lemon colour of the pale French cowslips. Since it has been blushing with cuckoo flowers, then golden with buttercups, and now it is one sumptuous many-coloured tap-estry with buttercups and white ox-eye daisies, blue speedwell and rose-pink ragged robin.

In the last days of April, when the wind still had the tang of snow in it, the earliest of the migrant warblers came through the woods and shrubberies, 100 cold and busy trying

to find food to sing. Only on the

last two days of the month did

till the night of April 30 did the nightingale come to join, and lead the chorus of blackcap and chiff-chaff and willow warbler. Of birds less common in England, the pied flycatchers were here on May 3. With the trees and flowers and birds the insects of the

early summer have come with a rush. One may still see an occasional hibernated specimen of the butterflies which were all that were abroad in mid-April — a peacock or tortoiseshell — very tattered and faded and weak. But they have lived their lives and have made way for the crowd of blues and browns and skippers of the year. It must be very rarely in these latitudes that summer comes so fast as it has come this year, with such a numult and rush of life. In all the month of May there have been but two or three thunder showers, and but one day — the 17th — which could be described as wet.

MYSTERY OF THE FROGS The battlefield which was still sticky and on which the snow lay ridged against trench and shell-hole almost to the end of April has now for weeks been hard and growing daily harder, cracking in the heat. It makes one wonder what the

of which the life history of frogs seems largely to consist, there were frogs — large full-grown frogs — in the shell-holes halffilled with water even up on the dry top of the Virny Ridge but a few weeks ago. How they came there is as difficult to surmise as it is to guess what they will do, in a region where no green thing is, now when the water has all gone and shell-holes are likely to be dry for some three

Nothing could be drier or more forbidding than is now that area over which the guns are always booming; and there are no places where in the battered trenches one already hears the buzzing of the flies as if it were August, and where the

frogs are doing. For, by one of those miracles

months to come.

air is fetid and noisome.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the Holker 1992 Great Garden and Countryside festival, Holker Hall, Cark-in-Cartmel, Grangeover-Sands, Cumbria, at noon and, as Trustee of the Council of St George's House, will attend the 1992 lecture in St George's Chapel, Windsor, at 6.15.

Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will visit the society's Bedfordshire child ion team in Leagrave oad, Luton, at 3.05; and, will attend a centenary dinner and ball at Hinchin Priory at 8.15 given by the Hertford centenary

committee of the NSPCC. The Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Adjutant General's Corps, will attend the inaugural garden party at Worthy Down, Winchester, at

The Duke of Kent will visit the South of England Agricultural Society's Show at Ardingly at

Reception

Royal Society of St George Mr John Minshull-Fogg, Chair-man of the Royal Society of St George, and Dr Peter Hardwick. Chairman of the City of London branch, received the members and guests at a reception held yesterday evening at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies before they attended Beating Retreat on Horse Guards Parade.

Service dinners

RN Club of 1765 and 1785 Commander Sir Robin Gillen was the principal guest at a dinner of the Royal Navy Chib of 1765 and 1785 held last night at the Army and Navy Club to mark The Queen's birthday and to commemorate Malta Convoys. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin,

Indian Cavalry Officers Association Captain Bernard Weatherill was the guest of honour at a dinner

Royal Army Veterinary Corps General Sir Brian Kenny, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, amended the annual dinner of the RAVC Officers' Club held last night at the Navai and Military Club. Brigadier A.H. Parker Bowles, director of the corps, presided. The President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and the President of the British Veterinary Association were the prin-

cipal guests.

Mr Jack Baer, managing director of Hazlitt, Gooden & Fox. to be a member of the Reviewing Com-mittee on the Export of Works of

Mr Piers Merchant. MP. to be Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr Peter Lilley. Secretary of

given by the Indian Cavalry Officers Association last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Brigadier John Woodroffe

Appointments

State for Social Security.

Awards
ST HUGH'S COLLEGE
Graduate awards 1992/3
Dorothea Gray Senior Scholar; Michael
James Clarke (BA. Trinity College,
Dublin); Elhel Seaton Graduate Scholars: John Redmond (BA. University
College Dublin), Zhichao Zhang (MA.
East China Norm Univ); Mary Line
Graduate Scholar; Karen Willetts (BSc.
Sydney); C E Mordan Graduate Scholar; Stroisen Meissner (MA. Bonn), Burt
L Monroe (BSc. MIT); Yares Graduate
Scholar; Ann Elizabeth Swalles, BA:
Smith-Rippon Graduate Scholar; Sam
Hood, BA: Cemienny Graduate Scholar;
Ivanka Becvarova (MA, Charles)
Univ), Giridhar Kalamangalam (MSc.
Madriss); Maplethorpe Scholar; Melissa
Baleson, BA; Seatie Scholar; Elizabeth
Winstanley; Elizabeth J Harris Scholars
Grabara Andrew Caims, Simon James
Clarke, BA: Mitchell Scholar: Amanda
Collins, BA. Lecturers

University news

Undergraduate prizes Undergraduate prizes
Collections Frize Christine Joynes (2nd
Year Theology), formerly from the
Hulme Grammar Schoot: Elizabeth
Francis Frize Rachel Sophie Hawes
(2nd Year Mod Langs), formerly from
Paristine Grammar Schoot, ProletJoseph & Nancy Burion Prize Samuel
Monger (2nd Year PFE), formerly from
Hele's School, Plympton: Lotta Limpos
Book Prize David Golby (2nd Year
Musick, formerly from Checkerit School,
Middleton Cheyney, Oxon: Julia Wood
Prize: Joseph Rabin (2nd Year Modern Musich formerly from Cherderit School, Middleton Cheyney, Oxon: Julia Wood Prize: Joseph Rabin (2nd Year Modern History), formerly from liferd County High School.

Cambridge

Elections Elections

DARWIN COLLEGE
Elected into research fellowinips from
October 1. Marchias Ledvig Tewords.
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Darwin Research Fellow in Physics);
Annalisa Celotti. Magr Phil (Astronomy); Dyfes Lloyd Evans, PhD (Clinical
Medicine); Edward Nell Groche Marsh,
PhD (Biochemistry); Stephen John
Renals, PhD (Computer Science); Abigail Jane Sellen, PhD (Phychology);
David Alan White, BSC. (Astronomy).

Promotions to senior lectureships. Promonous to senior recurrently.

Dr John Aggieno (Psychology), lecturer since 1983; Dr Neil Goulty (Geological Sciences), lecturer since 1980; Dr David Gregory-Smith (Engineering & Cott-puter Sciences, lecturer since 1973; Dr Joy Palmer (Education), lecturer since 1987; Dr Anthony Pugh (French), lecturer since 1967; Dr Gartin Bervis English), lecturer since 1976 Dr Ian Shennan (Geography), lecturer since 1981

Dr Andrew Beeby (Department of Chemistry): Mr Brian Holton (Department of East Asian Studies). Dr James ment of Egg Anto States, by James Blowey (Department of Mathematical Sciencest: Mr Malik Uduman (Department ment of Mosic): Dr Docglas Halliday (Department of Physics): Dr Trenchy Valentine (Department of Psychology; Mr Pallip Johnson (School of Edu-St Chad's College Professor Emeritus J. Mc-

Manners, Chaplain to All Souls College, Oxford, has been appointed an honorary fellow. Strathciyde

Grants

The university has received grants and contracts worth £8.9 million in the period August 1, 1991 to February 29, 1992. The following grants are among those awarded. Physiology & pharmacology
Physiology & pharmacology
Professor A Harvey: 1/12.75 from
Pergamon Press to set up an editorial
office of the journal Touton.
Pure and applied chemistry
Dr & Roberts: 1/75,680 from SERC for
research into crystallisation and
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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Adam Smith, political economist, Kirkcaldy. Fife, 1723; John Couch Adams, astronomer, Lideot, Cornwall, 1819; John Maynard Keynes, Baron Keynes, economist. Cambridge, 1883; Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett, novelist, Pinner, Middlesex, 1884; Ruth Benedict, anthropologist, New York, 1887; Federico Garcia Lorca, dramatist and poet, Fuente Vaqueros, Spain, 1898.

DEATHS: Orlando Gibbons, musician, Canterbury, 1625; Carl von Weber, composer, London. 1926: Stephen Crane, writer. Badenweiler, Germany, 1900; O. Henry, pseudonym of William Sidney Porter, writer. New York, 1910: Herbert Kitchener, Earl Kitchener, field-marshal, lost at sea on HMS Hampshire off Orkney, 1916: Georges Feydeau, dramatist, Paris, 1921; W.T. Tilden. Wimbledon and US tennis champion. Hollywood, 1953. The invention of the balloon by the Montgolfier brothers at Annonay, France, 1783. The beginning of the six-day war in the Middle East. 1967. Senator Robert Kennedy, US attorneygeneral was shot by a Jordanian Arab in Los Angeles: he died the following day, 1968.

Church news

Resirements The Rev Pauline Pullen, Parish Deacon, Wilmslow (Chester): re-tired as from April 30. The Rev Canon Geoffrey Richens, Vicar, St Paul, Skelmersdale, and Honorary Canon of Liverpool (Liverpool): to retire as from January 31, 1993.

today Sir Kenneth Anderson, civil ser-

Mrs A.R. Dawson, rugby player, 60; Miss B.E. de Cardi, archaeologist, 78; Sir John Dellow, former deputy commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 61; Miss Margaret Drabble, author, 53, M.B. Beber Drabble, author, former deputy commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 61; Miss Margaret Drabble, author, former forme headmaster, Stowe School, 73; the Earl of Dundee, 43; Mr D.A. South Wales Constabulary, 56; Professor C.M. Fletcher, physician, 81; Miss Elizabeth Gloster, QC, 43; Mr David Hare, Supreme Court, Queen's Bench Division, 84: Dr Mary McHugh,

Turners' Company

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE US Army has named and reprimanded three officers over the death of an American soldier in a Gulf war "friendly fire" incident.

The disclosure yesterday immediately led to claims that America was operating double standards since it re-

double standards, since it refused to allow its pilots to testify at an Oxford inquest into the deaths of nine Brit-ons killed by friendly fire. The Pentagon said then that the usual policy in

"friendly fire" cases was to promise anonymity and rule out disciplinary action so that those responsible felt free to discuss what had happened. Colonel Mike Gannon, an air force spokesman, said yesterday that exceptions were made only if there was clear evidence of negligence or fla-grant violations of established rules. He insisted there was no such evidence in the case of the British incidentk, even though the Oxford jury ruled that the British soldiers had been unlawfully killed be-cause the pilots did not follow established procedures.

Yesterday, The Washington Post reported that four consecutive military investi-gations had been quietly conducted into an incident in which members of the 3rd Armoured Cavalry Regiment crossed a battlefield boundary inside Iraqi territory, mistook four American combat engineers in a broken-down ammunition truck, and killed one of them. All four investigations recommended exoneration of those responsible. but were overruled by General Edwin Burba, who sent reprimands to Colonel Douglas Starr, the former regimental commander, Lieutenant-Colonel John Daly Jnr and

Captain Bo Friesen. Anne Leech, whose fusilier son Kevin was one of those killed in the British incident. said yesterday that all those involved in "friendly fire" incidents should be named: "You get the impression that there's double standards here. Because the Americans killed nine British they don't want to know anything about it. But they are holding inquiries into their own cases in America. Why didn't they do the same when nine British soldiers were killed? Bring them all out into the open,

Shilling train ride launched travel empire



Holiday snapshots: above, Thomas Cook, sitting (front row, fourth from right) with a tour to Pompeii in 1868; below left: the company's founder, who was born in 1808 and died in 1892; below right: an early charabanc tour group outside Cook's Berlin agency in 1912





By Harvey Elliott TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

THE package holiday was born one day in 1841 as a teetotal printer and cabinet-maker named Thomas Cook walked to a temperance meeting in

Mr Cook chartered a train and charged 570 people a shilling a head to travel to Loughborough. The price included tea, sandwiches, dancing and cricket. It was the beginning of a company which was to become the best-known firm in international travei and which yesterday was sold to a German company for £200 million. After a successful start Mr Cook's

excursions gradually ventured further afield, first to Liverpool, then London. He first went to the Continent in 1855 and later took travellers to the United States and the Middle East. He began tours to to Egypt and the Holy Land in 1869 when the Suez canal opened and started charabanc tours at the

beginning of the 20th century. His son John forged links with Germany in 1898 when Kaiser Wilhelm paid the company £48.130.2s.3d to arrange his visit to the Holy Land, much to the fury of German travel organisers, who now, aimost 100 years later, have bought the company.

Christopher Rodrigues, Thomas

Cook group managing director, said that the sale of the company to the Dusseldorf-based LTU group would mean no discernible change to the millions of customers who booked holidays and bought travellers cheques through the company. "All that will change is the investor," he said. "We will remain as a stand-alone business but we will now have access to capital which will enable us to

l am sure that the original Thomas Cook would have approved of the deal as he was a great internationalist who delieved that travel was a unityit force. The new German ownership is entirely consistent with his vision."All

the existing management team have been asked to remain and there are no immediate plans for a change in the structure of the company or its business.

Thomas Cook is identified with tour operations, although that remains only a small part of the business. The travel agencies sold three million tickeis and package tours last year, but fewer than 50,000 were for Thomas Cook's own tours. Profits of £8.9 million were made largely from foreign exchange, business travel management and traveller's cheque sales.

> Accidental tourist, page 14 Midland sells, page 19

Political sketch

Just a question of conservation

With the Earth summit in full cry in Rio, we all want to do our bit to save the world. Of course we do. Brazil has made a huge nod towards the conservation of jet fuel by persuading thou-sands of ecologists and pol-iticians to fly half way round the world to talk about reducing pollution. Now it's time our own Parliament chipped in with a green contribution. Dennis Skinner tried two

minutes silence yesterday. to echo the environmental gesture made by the Rio delegates, but was gasping to speak after 30 seconds. An easier ecological step would be to reduce all that Commons paperwork. Each day thousands of order papers are printed, in sheaves fat as novels. MPs, possibly to limit their output of noxious hot air, barely get through the first few questions on the order paper. Then all the papers go in the bin. Tsk, tsk. Yesterday it was the turn of John Gummer, the agri-culture minister, to answer the questions to ministers that kick off Parliament

each day. He was helped by food minister Nicholas Soames, who already runs a one-man environmental campaign to vacuum up surplus food in restaurant kitchens. Of the 29 ques-tions on the order paper, Gummer barely got through half of them. Some people wonder if the agriculture minister's slow answering rate has anything to do with the complexities of mad cow disease, with which he has to wrestle. alone in his dawdle. No minister does more than nibble at the long list of questions colleagues wish

to ask. Gavin Strang (Lab, Edin-burgh East), was first at the bowler's crease yesterday wanting to know if Mr Gummer had plans to abolish the Agricultural Wages Board. "I have no such plans," said Gummer. John McFall (Lab, Dumbarton) was keen to hear about the minister's environmental monitoring duties: Gummer boasted he was "the greenest minister of agri-culture there is". Mr Soames promised Harry Cohen (Lab, Leyton) the government had no plans to bring forward legislation to enable RSPCA inspectors right of entry to factory farming premises. Lucky, enlightened fellows.

But what shout the noon MPs languishing at the swered yesterday, they will be turned into written questions and published in another wodge of papers, which will then be anparliamentary paper. All of these are distributed indiscriminately to thousands more people, reducing the world's tree population by measurable fractions every day. And then they all go in the bin. It's not the most ecologically sound method of recycling.

ture to the spirit of Rio and to lighten Mr Gummer's workload, this column will today help to answer some

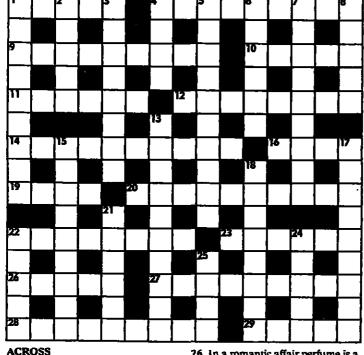
Jeremy Corbyn (Lab. Is-lington North) wanted to mer was taking "to preserve hedgerows and en-courage planting of new ones". Answer: Mr Gummer promises all h rows will be preserved pro-viding that they are no taller that 4ft. That will ensure his ability to watch

over the problem. Archie Kirkwood (Lib Dem. Roxburgh and Berwickshire) was keen to learn what steps Mr Gummer "proposes to take to assist farmers to deal with fallen stock". Answer: A sharp kick up a cow's backside usually gets the beasts back on their feet.

Teresa Gorman (Con, Billericay), dressed in a Rio-de-Janeiro-green twopiece, possibly run up by local Essex tribesmen, wanted to ask if the minister "will make a statement on the latest position on relaxing the regulations of the Zoonoses Order concerning poultry". Answer: In future all chickens and ducks reared commercially on British farms must have beaks that conform to the zoo noses templates drawn up by London Zoo. Those that do not will be given suitable hormones to realign their nasal profiles. 🛶 Alan Beith (Lib Dem.

Berwick upon Tweed) wanted to know if Mr Gumment will make a statement about progress on reform of the Common Agricultural Policy". Answer: Expect less bacon with you knowwhat written on the rind. Just think of all those that paper saved. Think of

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- 4 Tempers be frayed at this time of
- 9 Awareness that one is breaking a ruling (9).
- 10 Colour for a garden shrub (5). 11 To stray off course is within reason in a boat (6). 12 Successful defender in Italian
- bridge contest (8). 14 A fun date — it changed the state of Romeo and Juliet (10).
- 16 Prince in disguise swordbearer (4). 19 He escapes the beam of light
- 20 Poorly informed, being short-sighted (3-7). 22 Take steps to exhibit document
- 23 Trespass by amateur in war zone

Solution to Puzzle No 18.936



26 In a romantic affair perfume is a

- License for a writer is essential at
- 28 Signal to go at speed in restricted area (5.4) 29 Upright before the court (5).

DOWN

- 1 Pinched part of vital statistics (4-
- Type of shirt worn by European poet (5).
 Go abroad for the end of spring
- in Dubai, for example (8). 4 Writer moved by desert storm (4). 5 One man with help could become
- outstanding (10). 6 Alone I panic, being windy (6). 7 Game of many hazards - win-
- ning and losing (9). 8 Diamonds boding ill for Kipling's lady (5).
- 13 Just the job for the seamstress we hear (6-4). 15 Standard weight of canvas for
- some artists? (9). 17 Mother perhaps under oath as
- SDORSOF (9). 18 Doubly accomplished, but dried
- 21 Odds on a fall creating injury (6). 22 President pressed button to cause

damage (5).

(4).

24 Network includes unit for food 25 Adds up to being one of the herd

Concise Crossword, page 11 Life & Times section

WORD WATCHING By Philip Howard

HYPERBATON a. An RSM's truncheon b. Change of order c. Over-excitement MALLECHO a. A false echo b. The crab apple Mischiel DIGLOT

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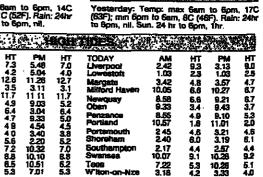
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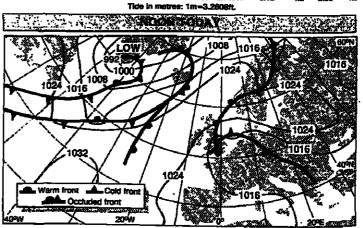
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



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its radical finance minister, Czechoslovakia is taking an ambitious but risky road to economic reform Page 23

BUILDING UP

Norcros, the building materials and packaging group, has maintained its total dividend at 7p after a 4 per cent rise in profits Tempus, page 22

EAU NO



The proposed takeover of Perrier, the French water company, by Nestlé of Switzerland has run into trouble with the EC Page 20

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PROFILE



Peter Jansen enjoys a laugh, especially at Bob Hope, but he does not think that anything about running MB-Caradon is a joke

FACTS OF LIFE

Liz Dolan starts a five-part series on how financial needs change during a person's life time. Young adults are first

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Lloyd's names must double back-up fund

LLOYD'S names are being required to pay about £20,000 a head to double the size of the insurance market's back-up central fund. The prime aim of the move is to reassure policyholders that the market is financially secure.

The move comes at a time of unprecedented bad publicity surrounding Lloyd's, partly as a result of some names being unable to pay their share of the estimated £4 billion losses for the 1988 to 1991 underwriting period. Some policyholders, particularly overseas, are said to have expressed concern about

Lloyd's claims-paying ability. The central fund, which stands at £500 million, is used as a last resort source for meeting claims if names are unable to pay losses. All names pay an annual levy.

UP to 417 million shares in

Wellcome, the pharmaceuti-cals group, worth £4 billion, will go on sale on July 6 through a worldwide tender

offer. There will be no special

discounts or deals for anyone.

other than certain priority

arrangements for existing

shareholders and early

Robert Fleming & Co, the

global co-ordinator of the

share sale on behalf of the

Wellcome Trust, says its aim

is to maximise price and de-

mand for the charity, and

that it wants institutions wo-

ridwide to compete on a level

Private UK applicants will

have the price of their shares

determined by the institu-

tions. "The objectives of the

trust do not include wider

share ownership", was the

tart comment from Lawrence

Details of the structuring of the share sale, which will be

one of the biggest ever seen.

emerged yesterday, with the offer's timetable. Impact day,

when the formal marketing

campaign gets under way, will be June 25. The offer

period will begin on July 6, and run for "two or three

However the trust, which

has a 73.5 per cent share-

more than £6 billion, has still

to decide on the scale of the

exercise. The intention re-

mains to reduce the stake to

below 50 per cent, and to

keep at least 25 per cent, but

the exact number of shares to

be sold will depend on market

the likely weight of demand.

rent market price of 959p a

share, the trust could raise

anything between £2 billion

This means that at the cur-

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which last year stood at 0.6 per cent, to top up the fund. The additional £500 million will be raised through a special levy of 5 per cent of average underwriting capaci-ty during the 1990, 1991 and 1992 years.

The levy will be reflected in the names' personal accounts for those years. It will be drawn on July 15 from the funds held by names at Lloyd's and only a minority of names are expected to have to face an additional cash call to pay the levy. Lloyd's denied yesterday that the move represented a watered down version of mutualising names'

David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's, said: "Doubling the size of the central fund from members' own resources demonstrates the strength behind the Lloyd's

regional selling syndicates around the world, including

America, Japan, France, Ger-

many and the Pacific Rim.

John Robb, Wellcome chief

executive, would like a share-

holder profile more in line

with the company's business,

48 per cent of which is con-

ducted in north America, and

will fly to America next week

to drum up support for the

offer. Only 2 per cent of

Wellcome shares are held in

private UK investors who will

be able to subscribe either

through intermediaries or on

Applications will be invited

for a minimum of £1,000 of

shares to be allocated at the

strike price. Early applicants

may qualify for priority allo-

cations, says Fleming, capped at a maximum of £100,000 of

shares. Existing shareholders

at June 15 will "generally" be

£5,000 at the strike price.

given priority, too, for up to

Final allocation will de-

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pend on three key criteria, said Mr Banks - the price,

timing, and size of the bids.

application forms.

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No special deals

in Wellcome offer

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

throughout the industry in recent years. The primary purpose of the central fund is to ensure that no valid claim on a Lloyd's policy goes unpaid. Policyholders worldwide are properly concerned with the solvency and security of their insurers. The council's action will in this respect give a strong and reassuring signal to our policyholders."

Alan Lord, chief executive

of Lloyd's, said the increased central fund was designed to demonstrate to policyholders that "no syndicate is less solvent than Lloyd's itself". As a result of the enhanced fund, Llovd's would be solvent "by a very large margin" when it and other insurers have to report on their financial security to the trade department on September 1, said Mr Lord, who retires at the end of this month. The action being taken proved that "we don't need to go to the public authorities to help us. We can cope within our own res-

Some observers have suggested that Lloyd's will be forced to seek government assistance because of the sheer scale of the losses hitting the market. Lloyd's has been advised that it already has the legal authority to make the levy without asking members' approval.

Mr Lord said he did not

know the likely scale of the call on the central fund this year as a result of financially ruined names being unable to meet their obligations. "I believe we would probably get by on the basis of the £500 vide for the worst-case situation." he said.

Chatset, the firm of Lloyd's analysts, said on Wednesday A number of the shares on that it estimated there would offer will be held back for be a £400 million to £700 million shortfall on the market's 1989 losses of about £2 billion. A shortfall of about £50 million was earmarked for the central fund last year when the market loss was £510 million for the 1988 year of account. Charles Sturge, joint editor of the Chatset Directory of Lloyd's of London, said he was "very, very disappointed" by the proposals. "I really do think that Lloyd's cannot expect names to pay this sort of levy without the market itself

> bution," he said. Lloyd's was yesterday giv-ing away little information on the rescue fund that it is trying to set up to help the worst-hit names. Mr Lord said the issue was extremely complex and he could not guarantee that a viable sol-

ution would be found. The committee of council members looking at the options is said to be still at the early stages.

Mr Lord also said that following meetings with more than 7,000 names the cap on future losses proposed in the Rowland report is likely to be set at less than 100 per cent of underwriting.

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Seeking restructure of £1.3bn debt: Gerald Ronson, the founder of Heron

Thomas Cook sold by Midland

BY NEIL BENNETT MIDLAND Bank is selling Thomas Cook, the travel agent, for £200 million to valued LTU Group, the German charter airline, and

Westdeutsche Landesbank. The long-awaited disposal will strengthen Midland's balance sheet. The sale generates a £99 million extraordinary profit for Midland and will increase its reserves, which have been hit in the last three years by

heavy bad debt provisions, by E128 million. LTU is Germany's second largest airline, with planes that operate charter flights from Düsseldorf and Munich to 63 destinations. The company is also Germany's third-

largest tour operator. making a substantial contri-LTU is buying 90 per cent Thomas Cook, with WestLB taking the final 10 per cent in a deal that should be completed in October once it clears regulatory hurdles. Thomas Cook will fit closely with LTU's business since it already has 50 travel shops in Germany.

Thomas Cook made record profits of £27.6 million in 1990, and then suffered a downturn last year after the

Both the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Lloyds, which are lighting to take over Midland, said they were satisfied with the deal, and that it was not significant to the whole business.

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Bankers due to hear of Heron overvaluations

BY ANGELA MACKAY

HERON Corp's 80 banks are leads the company's steering expected to hear at a presentation from KPMG Peatseveral of the struggling company's properties are over-

The banks retained Peat Marwick as their financial adviser after Gerald Ronson, Heron's founder, sought to restructure debts of £1.3 billion. The meeting will be held at Barclays Bank, which also committee. While some of the report's

the banks, most will hear Peat Marwick's information for the first time today. The banks hope they will not be required to provide more cash after a sharp fall in the value of Heron's American property portfolio, including Pima, a collapsed savings and loan in Arizona.

Worried investors continue selling the Ecu

By ANATOLE KALETSKY **ECONOMICS EDITOR**

THE market in European Currency Units plunged for the second day running as panicky investors continued to dump the future Eurocurrency in response to the Danish vote against Europe-

an monetary union.

Other European bond markets showed signs of recovery after their steep falls on Wednesday, but there was no sign of bargain-hunting or institutional interest in Ecus. Analysts who had previously promoted the Euro-currency were pronouncing it dead as an investment unless the momentum towards monetary union revived.

Because of the collapse in prices, the Matif futures market in Paris was forced to suspend trading in Ecu bond futures for the second day running. Dealers reported near-panic among investors who had bought Ecus on the assumption that they would eventually become the main form of money for the whole of Europe, and a world currency to rival the dollar. With hopes of monetary union apparently receding day by day, many analysts said the worst was not yet over for the Ecu market.

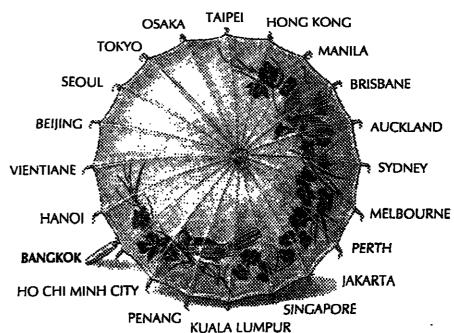
"There could be a complete bloodbath; this could be the beginning of the end for the Ecu," said Jim O'Neill, head of research at Swiss Bank Corporation and until recently one of London's leading promoters of the Ecu market.

Prices in other European bond markets also fell heavily again yesterday morning, but bargain hunting and short-covering in the futures markets produced a moderate rally in the afternon, leaving prices almost unchanged on the day. Britain's gilt-edged market fell by a full point in the morning, but recovered almost all of the lost ground.

By contrast, Ecu bonds saw little or no bargain-hunting until their yield rose above the theoretical yield on an equivalent basket of individual European currencies. Last January, in the enthusiasm for the Ecu that followed the Maastricht summit, Ecu bond yields fell as low as 0.6 percentage points below the theoretical yield on the cur-

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Standard Chartered finds law pays

By Neil Bennett BANKING CORRESPONDENT

Fleming has set up eight Robb: Rousing America

STANDARD Chartered, the international banking group which has stepped on more than its fair share of banana skins in recent years, has discovered a more lucrative line of business than traditional finance: suing accountants.

Yesterday the bank announced that it has won a \$62 million out of court settlement from Coopers & Lybrand to compensate the bank for loans it made to Miniscribe, a former Californian computer company, in 1988.

This is the second victory the bank has scored against a leading accountancy firm within a fortnight. Last month an Arizona court decided that Price Waterhouse should pay \$338 million compensation for negligence in prepar-ing the 1985 and 1986 audits of United Bancorp, a bank which Standard bought in 1987, PW attacked the verdict as "outrageous, incomprehensible and indefensible," and plans to appeal. Standard could not have won the money from Coopers at a better time, since it can use it to offset the £50 million provision it made against losses suffered in the Bombay financial mar-

kets scandal last month. The settlement closes Standard's unhappy affair with Miniscribe. A spokesman for the bank said it has now recovered all its loans to the onceglamorous computer company,

stimated at more than \$100 million. Standard became lead banker to Miniscribe in 1988 when it appeared to be a fast-expanding sunrise company. But Miniscribe's management had al-legedly inflated its financial position by packaging bricks to look like computer hardware worth \$4.3 million. The group fell into receivership in 1988, and Stan-

dard sued Coopers for negligence.
Standard said yesterday it would never have lent to Miniscribe if it had known its true financial position. Harris Amhowitz. Coopers' US deputy chairman, said: "We maintain we were the victims of a massive and sophisticated scheme of collusion by Miniscribe's

management. Nevertheless the firm has agreed to settle to avoid the uncertainty of successive jury trials. The costs of this settlement will not have a material im-

pact on the firm's financial condition." Standard's spokesman said he hoped the bank would reach a settlement with PW over the United Bancorp affair, but PW maintains that any negotiation is out of the question. Standard bought United for \$335 million but sold it 18 months later to Citicorp at a \$128 million loss after discovering its bad debt portfolio was far larger than it had

Standard's twin success is an example of the growing animosity towards ac-countancy firms in American courts. The Arizona award is thought to be the largest of its kind and worth more than two and a half times the bank's loss.

The bank's new line of work appears to be short-lived. It has no other outstanding actions which will provide similar windfalls. From now on Standard will have to fall back on earnings from its regular banking operations.

Merger seen as anti-competitive

EC opposes Nestlé takeover of Perrier

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

SIR Leon Brittan's merger task force in Brussels has sent a "provisional conclusion" to Nestié warning the Swiss food group that its Fr15 billion takeover of Source Perrier contravenes EC competition

Nestlé believed that it could squeeze the deal, the biggest reshuffle in the French food and water market ever, past the European Commission by selling Volvic, one of Perrier's leading still water brands, to BSN, its rival in the French market. However, the commission believes Nestlė has only managed to transform what would have been a monopoly into a duopoly that restricts competition in the market place just as much.

The merger of Nestlé and Perrier is a significant obstacle to the maintenance of effective competition in the French market," a letter sent by the commission to Nestlé's headquarters on May 4 said.

The letter criticised the "par- its enquiry into the takeover in

allel anti-competitive behaviour" of Nestlé and BSN. The letter was leaked to a French business daily. Sir Leon's spokesman refused to give any comment on the leak.

According to the letter, the commission estimates that Nestlé, with Perrier on board, holds 60 per cent of the French sparkling water market in terms of sales. For both the sparkling and still waters market it holds 36.8 per cent, with BSN holding 30.9. Sources close to Nestlé say

Serge Milhau, chairman of the mineral waters division. met merger task force officials and lawyers of both BSN and Nestlé on May 25. Nestlé contests that the commission is focusing too narrowly on the French market and should be concentrating on the whole EC market; it also claims the mergers task force is not competent to investigate

The commission launched

late March, and must come up with a final ruling before the end of next month. French analysts point out that in the food and drink sector, it is unusual for a group of two or three companies not to have some form of dominance in a national market.

M Milhau has said in the French press that market share should be calculated not in terms of sales but volumes sold; were this done, he claims Nestle would have 14.3 per cent of the EC market.

Commission sources that claiming the merger task force can only rule on monopolies is nonsensical. However, the commission's unwinding of the deal would cause nu merous problems. Shares in Perrier have been

suspended during the enqui-ry, and although Nestlé technically owns nearly 97 per cent it can have no say at the Perrier annual meeting at the end of this month because of the enquiry.



Cost savings reflected: Alan Smith of Anglian

Anglian payout surges

By Graham Searjeant

ANGLIAN Water pleased the stock market by raising its final dividend by 11.1 per cent, making a 10.3 per cent rise to 19.3p for the year. Alan Smith, the managing director. said this was the first time that Anglian has raised its dividend by more than assumed in its price limits. The rise reflected cost savings and Anglian said the extra dividend costs were only about a fifth of group voluntarily keeping its price rise 0.5 per cent below that permitted.

In the year to end March, pre-tax profits rose by 12.3 per cent to £171.3 million on turn-over of £523 million, up 13.6 per cent, against last year's price rises of 15.2 per cent.

The shares rose 8p to 437p. Capital spending increased to £295 million, on budget, and is planned to rise to £345 million this year. The group has so far avoided hosepipe bans mainly due to comple tion of an accelerated £25 million programme to link water supplies and sink new boreholes to combat the

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Morland promises to increase estate size

MORLAND, the brewer based in Abingdon, Oxfordshire which is under £104 million assault from Greene King, the East Anglian group, is promising shareholders a "signifi-cant increase" in the size of its public house estate in the near future. The promise is believed to refer to talks with one of the big brewers over the purchase or lease of a substantial public house chain. Morland bought 101 Thames Valley houses from Courage a year ago, of which 90 have been retained and the rest sold at above book value. The company is also promising "a series of significant new distribution deals" to boost sales of its brands, which

include Old Speckled Hen. The promises come in the formal defence document to the bid. Sir Humphrey Prideaux, the chairman, claims Greene King is deliberately avoiding giving a profits estimate for the financial year just ended because trading over the key Christmas period had been very disappointing.

Rowlinson advances

ROWLINSON Securities, a property group noted for its caution, had rental income that was almost double its interest payments in the year to March. Pre-tax profits were £631,000, up from £93,000. The final dividend of 1.11p makes an unchanged 1.35p. Peter Rowlinson, chairman, said the increase in rental income was continuing; the rent roll had reached £3.3 million. Borrowings fell to £14.69 million from £15.34 million a year previously. Vega wii

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URS group halves loss

URS International, the American professional services group quoted on the London Stock Exchange, more than halved its pre-tax loss to \$1.09 million from \$2.42 million in the year to December. The dividend is again passed. Loan notes issued last year may be converted into ordinary shares. Sandy Saunders, chairman, said the loss reflected difficulties in disposing of a number of subsidiary operations and rationalising administration.

600 Group improves

MACHINE tool sales were at record lows for the second successive year, said Dr Colin Gaskell, managing director of The 600 Group. Despite an exceptional credit of £3.3 million, the group made a pre-tax loss of £534,000 in the year to March. The previous year's loss was £650,000 after an exceptional debit of £1.5 million. A 1.59 final makes an unchanged 2.5p total. Dr Gaskell said: "We have maintained margins, cut costs and generated £15 million."

HK accountant jailed

CHOI Hon-kwan, 32, an accountant with Peat Marwick in Hong Kong, was jailed for four years for stealing more than US \$1 million from the collapsed local unit of Bank of Credit and Commerce International to feed his gambling obsession. Choi forged cheques worth HK \$9.2 million (US \$1.2 million) while he was assistant manager at Pear Marwick's insolvency department. He pleaded guilty to 12 charges and has returned HK \$2.8 million of the money.

Boeing \$2bn contract

BOEING Corporation of America has won a \$2 billion contract to supply Emirates Airlines, which is based in Dubai, with up to 14 Boeing 777s powered by Rolls-Royce engines. The airline intends to expand its network to span the globe. The total value included firm orders for seven Boeing 777s, options for seven more and 36 Rolls-Royce RB211 Trent 800 engines, including eight spares, the

C&W Russian venture

CABLE and Wireless has agreed to buy a minority stake in Sovam Teleport, a joint venture in Moscow, and will invest up to \$4 million to help the company expand its international service. Sovam, set up in 1989 by Moscow's Institute for Automated Systems and the San Francisco/ Moscow Teleport Inc, says it is trading profitably. C&W is already involved in three joint ventures in the former Soviet

Brent Walker pub deal

PUBMASTER, Brent Walker's public house retailing division, is leasing 174 public houses from Whitbread. The deal brings Pubmaster's estate to nearly 2,000 public houses. Pubmaster's goal is 2,500 public houses by the end of the year. Whitbread, along with other brewers, has been forced to lease or sell off public houses to meet new forced to lease or sell off public houses to meet new regulations on loosening the ties between brewers and public houses. Brent Walker gave no price for the deal.

Richmond **loses 90%** of revenue

By MARTIN BARROW

RICHMOND Oil and Gas, a troubled American natural resources company, has again shocked shareholders by revealing that Johnson Ranch Partners has foreclosed the company's interest in Texas property that accounts for about 90 per cent of its

revenue. The effect will be to reduce Richmond's assets by about £37 million. At the end of March, the company stated net assets at £49.7 million. Richmond said the value of

its interest in Richmond Ranch, Texas, in the open market had fallen below the debt against which it was secured because of depressed gas prices. Directors described the company's prospects as "good", however. It has not been possible to

complete the sale of San Juan Basin coalbed methane properties, announced last September, before the expiry of the contract because of a lawsuit brought by the Ute Indian tribe against owners of coalbed methane properties on tribal lands. Of the expected total consideration of \$20 million, \$12.6 million was received before the contract expired. Settlement of the lawsuit has been agreed and discussions with potential purchasers of the balance of the

properties are taking place.

Dividend returns at KLM

Ms as Topic fail

BY OUR CITY STAFF

KLM Royal Dutch Airline surprised analysis by returning to the dividend list. It said a higher market share and cuts in costs helped it to turn around a 630 million guilden (£194 million) loss in 1990-91. into a net profit of Fl 125 million for the year to March. The Dutch flag carrier's profit was ast about the middle of analysts' predictions. The dividend is FI I. KLM last

paid Fl 1.80 in 1989-90. Despite a poor year for international aviation, KLM said its traffic grew 7 per cent and productivity 9 per cent helped by its three-year costcutting programme. Falling fuel prices after the end of the Gulf war helped the company cut spending on fuel by 3 per cent to F1 778 million. The sale of a Fokker 27 and two DC10 airliners produced a book profit of F161 million.

But stakes in loss-making airlines, mainly the 49 per Airlines, took £145 million about the same as a year ago Everything is being tried to Everything is being tried to the results in these cent equity stake in Northwest

Interest charges rose to Fl 253 million from Fl 164 million because of higher debts and interest charges. KLM made no forecasts for the current year.

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BLUE Circle, the cement to

lawnmowers group, launched

a £242 million rights issue to

fund the acquisition of Cel-

sius, a leading French heat-

Celsius has a sizable share

of the French and German

heating markets. The purchase is regarded by Blue

Circle as an important move

towards building a strong

European presence in home

products, which contributed

almost 30 per cent of group

After an initial markdown,

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Disney

theme park east of Paris, has

apparently confirmed market

fears about its performance

by putting the number of guests at more than 1.5

million since the opening on

April 12. Observers said this

figure, of less than 30,000 a

day, is well below the number

needed for the park to hit

The company has said it needs an average of 30,000 a

day during the first year, but

the figure in the summer was

expected to be substantially

higher to counterbalance the

downturn in the winter. Nigel

Reed, a leisure analyst at

Paribas, said: "They should

have been doing more than the average for the year

during the opening period.

We would advise caution and,

perhaps, some profit-taking."

Hanson's American subsid-

iary. Martinka Coal, has bought a coal mine in West Virginia for \$165 million from American Electric Power. Hanson will make an

initial payment of \$62 million, followed by \$77 million

Cluff optimism

Receivers have been appointed at All Wheel Drive, a private commercial vehicle

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again at 2pm. The Stock Exchange was quick to scotch claims that anything was wrong with Seaq, the electronic quotation system which holds the market together. Quotations from

scribers were left staring at

blank screens as dealers

scrabbled for firm quotations

Alarm bells began ringing

at about 9am when Topic's

software began to fail. By

11.30am, the problems were

so bad that the Stock Ex-

change decided the only via-

ble option was wipe the

software clean and start af-

resh. A partial service began

outside world via a direct computer feed, Topic, or quote vendors such as Reuters or Extel.

puter had access to prices all day, the Stock Exchange said. But so many brokers rely on Topic alone that the chances of a normal working day were

By 4pm, the number of share traded was a fairly aver-

The last time Topic broke tion services were launched by Reuters and Quotron.

Andersen Consulting, the management consultant, has been called in to review the Stock Exchange systems. The total bill for running the systerns last year came to £50

THE European Commission yesterday said that Chiquita. an American banana group, had agreed to stop blocking Fylles, the Irish food group. from using the Fyffes brand name on the Continent (Tom

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Cash call launched by Blue Circle for French purchase

Blue Circle shares gained ground to close 3p higher at 247p, reflecting investor approval of both the rights issue and the move into Europe.

Blue Circle is paying £124.9 million for the French group and in addition Celsius's £81. 2 million of net debt is being taken on with the purchase. The one-for-five rights issue will raise £241.6 million with the new shares on offer at 200p per share. The rights issue is not conditional on a successful completion of the deal. Blue Circle

Vega wins full share listing

BY MARTIN BARROW THE revival in the new issues

market gathered pace as Vega, a space systems engineering and consultancy group, gained a full listing. Vega is raising £5.33 million for existing shareholders through a placing of shares with institutional and private investors, sponsored by Beeson Gregory. With the shares priced at 122p, the placing capitalises Vega at

£17.21 million. Trading should begin next Thursday. Vega. founded in 1978, provides consultancy and professional engineering services and systems to the emerging European space market. The company's clients are mainly international agencies such as the European Space Agency, defence ministries and major international companies. Current contracts are worth more than £15 million over four

In the year to the end of April the company earned profits of £1.43 million on turnover of £6.3 million, compared with £1.24 million and £4.98 million respectively in the previous 12 months. The placing price implies an historic price/earnings multiple of 18.35. Directors will retain 42.78 per cent of the share capital. In addition, more than half the employees will hold 6.3 per cent.

als, the fashion retailer, proposes to come to the stock market through a share placing this month. The com-pany, a £12.5 million management buy-in from Coats Viyella in March 1989. yesterday announced an increase in profits from £937,000 before tax to £2.01

million in the year to January Bucking the trend in the depressed retailing sector, Country Casuals increased sales from E31.25 million to £35.96 million and trading profits from £1.29 million to

also forecast an unchanged dividend of 11.25p for calen-

Celsius makes a wide range of heating equipment, including boilers and radiators, sold in continental Europe under the Chappee, Brotje, Finimetal, Burnham and Rodiac brand names. Charles Young, chief executive of Blue Circle's home products group said: "Celsius has leading positions in the French and German heating markets, sound manufacturing facilities and extensive distribution and brand strength.

"It is an excellent fit with our existing Home Products

The acquisition marks Blue Circle's second recent step to expand its Potterton Myson heating products operation after last November's pur-chase of Thermopanel of Sweden. In calendar 1991. Celsius made operating profits of £23.4 million on sales of

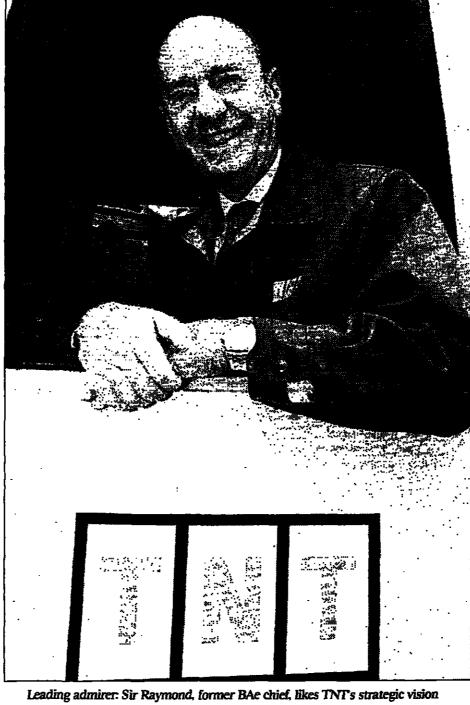
Based in Paris, it is the market leader in domestic radiators in France and a growing supplier to the German market through a manufacturing plant there. The firm is also one of the leading makers of floor-standing gas and oil boilers in France, The Netherlands and Germany. Blue Circle said Celsius's European network, which also includes sales firms in Spain. Italy and Austria, was expect-ed to provide cross-selling op-portunities for other of its group products.

But the company said that home products markets. along with others, have yet to see recovery despite increas-ing confidence. Despite talk of improvement, the UK housing market still looked uncertain and sales volumes in the cement industry, where the group is a market leader, had dropped 10 per cent in the first four months of 1992.

"Principally because of the further fall in UK cement volumes, the trading outlook for the company in 1992 is not as good as in 1991," Blue Circle said. The £206.1 mil-lion gross cost of Celsius will be funded by the rights issue but the extra £35.5 million raised will be used to expand the business. Blue Circle said that post the acquisition its balance sheet will remain

The 123.6 million new shares to be issued are being offered to shareholders on the register at the close of business on May 29. Holders of the group's convertible preference shares are also included in the rights offer on the basis of 1 new share for every 9.625 convertible preference

An extraordinary meeting will be held on June 30 to increase the authorised share



Lygo takes the chair at TNT's British operation

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

SIR Raymond Lygo, the former British Aerospace chief executive, has been appointed chairman of TNT Express (UK), the expanding distribution group.

Under Sir Raymond's hand, TNT will set aside its ambitions to compete with the Post Office to deliver domestic mail. Rather, it will concentrate on replicating the success of its British transport business throughout Europe.
Alan Jones, TNT's manag-

ing director, said improvements in the quality of the Post Office letter service and the refusal of ministers to countenance a regulated duopoly had removed the opportunity for competition in letter delivery.

"Four or five years ago, the letter delivery service provided by the Post Office was being criticised left, right and centre," he said. I think they have made brilliant strides in improving the service. I don't think the opportunity that was there five years ago exists to the same extent today."

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However, TNT is gravely concerned at plans by Parcelforce, the Royal Mail

parcel service, to invest £250 million in an effort to win back market share lost to private companies in parcel distribution.

Sir Raymond said he wanted to see a level playing field, in which the Post Office was barred from crosssubsidising its businesses. He was also concerned that the Post Office should use commercial criteria, and rates of interest, to justify its investments.

In that respect, he may find a common interest with Sir Bryan Nicholson, the Post Office chairman, who dom to borrow for investment from commercial

money markets.
Sir Raymond said the success of TNT Express (UK), the British arm of the Australian group TNT Ltd, had resulted in its management being given oversight of TNT's operations in Germany, Spain and Hungary. TNT now aimed to devel-

op its continental operations to be mirror images of those in the UK, which provide express parcel deliveries, contract distribution and newspaper distribution. In Britain, TNT already employs 7,500 and operates more than 3.000

Sir Raymond said he was convinced that the integration of European markets would continue, despite the hiatus caused by the Danish referendum decision to reject the Maastricht treaty on further monetary and social integration. The transport and distri-

bution industry would play a central role.

"If we can get to a dominating position in Europe. that is good news not only for TNT but for UK Ltd." Si Raymond said. Since retiring from BAe

ahead".

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almost three years ago, Sir Raymond, 68, has been a director of James Capel, the stockbroking firm, and chairman of Rutland Trust. Sir Raymond said he had been impressed by the way offices. TNT looked ahead in its

business, "not only because I was able to sell them 72 BAe 146 freighters as a result of the way they looked to find. He replaces Peter

Allsebrook who died last

Spain investing £490m to boost tourist sector

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

FACED with rising prices and stiffer competition from other tourist destinations, the Spanish government is to inject £490 million to improve the image of the tourist sector, its most important industry, which accounts for 8.1 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP)

During the next four years. half the money will be given as grants to the regional governments to improve infrastructure and services, while the balance will be available as loans at 12 per cent for modernising and upgrading hotels and tourist complexes as well as for staff training. 'Although the traditional

offer of sun and beach seems to keep on maintaining a high level of acceptability, one must realise that Spain is not free from the trends in the market," José Claudio Aranzadi, minister of industry, commerce and tourism, said.

He issued a warning that although Spain should have a boom year in 1992 with the Expo world fair in Seville and the summer Olympics in Barcelona, the tourist sector risks "the possibility of losing its great strength as the first national economic sector and its leadership in world mar-

Prices have soared in Spain since it joined the EC in 1986 but the resorts and hotels did not change their image to offer the sort of value for money more readily available at destinations such as Greece and Florida. Resorts such as Magaluf and San Antonio in the Balearic Islands or Playa de las Americas in Tenerife have gained an infamous reputation for hooligan visitors.

Jaime Cladera, tourist minister for the Balearics, says that the government funds now available will help finance a scheme at San Antonio in Ibiza, started last week, which includes construction of a palm-lined marine parade and lush parks.

Benidorm on the Costa Blanca, one of Europe's largest holiday resorts with 3.5 million visitors a year, will this year open its first training college for hotel and catering staff_

☐ The Spanish Consumers' Union yesterday said it was taking 91 Seville hoteliers to court for price-rigging during Expo. a practice prohibited

DIY side suffers at Boots

By COLIN CAMPBELL

SIR James Blyth, chief executive of The Boots Company, has suggested that nobody is making money out of do-ityourself operations against a background of fierce compe-tition that temporarily shifts market position and only confuses the public.

Sir James said the group's overall DIY sales had been affected by the heavy discounting by other DIY operations, but that his group would do all that was necessary to defend its corner. Pre-tax profits of The Boots

Company, excluding property profits, rose in the year to end March from £335.8 million to £359.5 million, on sales that were 2.5 per cent higher at £3.66 billion. The final dividend rises from 7.5p to 8.1p a share, making 12.4p a share (11.6p).
Profits at Boots The Chem-

ists advanced from £228.8 million to £246.2 million, but Halfords turned in a £10.5 million loss (£2.8 million profit) that led to a £32.6 million swing within the retail division which reported overall losses of £5.3 million (£27.3 million profit). Boots shares fell 24p to

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GEC to cut 825 jobs in defence offshoots

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE General Electric Com- Systems (MRCS), which is to from defence subsidiaries in Chelmsford, Essex.

The cutbacks coincide with a request from Essex County Council for voluntary redundancies among 740 education staff at County Hall in Chelmsford and at six area

Trade union representatives were deeply concerned at the double wave of redundancies in a town where, they said, jobs were already hard

The bulk of the manufacturing redundancies are at Marconi Radar and Control

in Chelmsford, where 600 are employed.

At the same time, GEC-Marconi Communications said it was shedding 225 jobs from its workforce in the

A spokesman for MRCS, which employs a total of 2,000 people in Chelmsford. said that although it had won new busines, demand for its products had fallen.

"Every effort will be made to assist those affected to find alternative work with GEC or other employers in the locality," the spokesman said.

Brokers give blank looks as Topic fails

£2.2 million.

By Jon Ashworth

NOSTALGIA for the days market-makers are fed to the when stockmarket deals were struck on the tip of a hat and a handshake swept the City yesterday when the Stock Ex-Anyone plugged in by com-

change's creaky information news service collapsed in dis-Technicians spent much of the day trying to pin down what had gone wrong with Topic, the 12-year-old onscreen information service. More than 10,000 Topic sub-

age 377 million. down was particularly embarrassing for the Stock Exchange. The collapse last October — four years on from Black Monday - came in the week that two rival informa-

Reuters was happily churning out volume levels yester-

Banana agreement

Walker writes from Brussels). The seemingly bizzere situcould not label its bananas with its own name had come about because Chiquita used to own Fylles. When Fylles was bought by FII Holdings in 1986, Fyffes granted Chiquite the right to continue using the Fyffes name on the Continent on Chiquita bananas for another three years.



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TI Group snaps up 10% of takeover target Dowty

THE TI Group yesterday used the breakdown of the stock marker's computerised pressure on Dowty, its bid target. TI snapped up almost 10 per cent of the company in

There is now less than a week for the bid to run and dealers claimed that the £525 million battle is finely poised TI rose 7p to 364p, while Dowty gained 4p to 180p. Warburg Securities, TI's broker, bought almost 25 million shares, paying 187p each, including the 7p final dividend, to which Dowty shareholders who accept the bid will not be entitled.

The purchase is the maximum amount TI can buy on the open market. A spokesman for the company said: "We are extremely pleased with the market operation, which underlines the confidence we have in the outcome

Dowty's full-year figures are due out today and are expected to show pre-tax profits tumbling from £60 million to £29 million, but with the dividend maintained.

Meanwhile, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was also strengthening its grip on its £3.9 billion takeover target, the Midland Bank, which jumped 10p to 467p. Leh-man Brothers, the broker, is believed to have raided the market for an estimated 35 million shares on behalf of HSBC. LLoyds, whose proposed bid for Midland was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission last month, finished 3p lower

This latest move in the Midland bid saga came on the same day that the group announced the sale of its Thomas Cook travel business to LTU, the German charter airline, for £200 million. Barclays remained a dull market as it continued to feel the effects of last week's profits downgrading by UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker. NatBAT INDUSTRIES: SHARES HIT BY COMPETITION WORRIES

ional Westminster Bank also fell 5p to 360p. UBS yesterday became cautious about Abbey National, leaving the price 4p cheaper at 293p.

Elsewhere, brokers and fund managers spent most of the day trading blindly after the computer breakdown that left their trading screens blank. Unable to obtain updated price movements or trading statements, most dealers decided to call it a day, so resulting in exceedingly thin trading. A total of 505 million shares changed hands, but this was boosted

Not all the analysts who were on the trip to see Lucas Industries' activities in America were impressed with what they saw. The price fell 6p to 137p as James Capel, the broker, fell into line with other firms and cut its profit forecast for the current year by £5 million to £20 million, compared with £83.6 million last time. However, most brokers are looking for a recovery next year to about the £63 million mark.

by the raids on Dowty and

The FT-SE 100 index managed to claw-back an early fall of almost 16 points to finish just one point up at 2,681.9. Government securities fluctuated wildly, suffering early falls of £1 at the longer end amid further fears about the Maastricht Treaty after the "No" vote in Denmark. But the absence of sellers enabled prices to rally and close little changed.

Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement maker. firmed 3p to 247p, having markets, but the group had seen signs of some encouraging sales increases.

briefly touched 230p, after asking shareholders for

£241.6 million by a rights issue on the basis of one-for-

five at 200p. Part of the pro-ceeds will be used to finance

the acquisition of Celsius, the

Boots, the chemist to car

accessories group, fell 23p to 467p after its full-year figures

fell short of City expectations.

Pre-tax profits were only £3.7

million ahead at £359.5 mil-

lion. Sir Christopher Benson,

the chairman, said that the

affecting growth in the retail

French boiler-maker.

Kingfisher continued to lose ground, falling 10p to 535p. Earlier this week, Geoffrey Mulcahy, the chairman, warned shareholders that he could see no sign of recovery in the retail market.

Anglian Water extended the dividend-reporting season for the utility companies with a rise in full-year pre-tax profits from £152.6 million to £171.3 million and a 10 per cent increase in the total divi

The tobacco producers spent a nervous day, with BAT Industries down 15p at 795p and Rothmans Inter-national B 18p lower at

This followed reports that Ciba Geigy, the Swiss pharmaceuticals group, has developed a nicotine skin pad that, attached to the arm, helps

If the product proves suc-cessful, it could hit the tobacco companies' sales. BAT Industries owns Brown & Williamson, America's thirdlargest cigarette company. Tobacco continues to account for a large percentage of its

Guinness firmed by 1p to 599p after a presentation forfund managers, arranged by Warburg Securities.

Vickers also responded positively to a presentation for analysis with the price firming 3p to 163p.

Lasmo, the oil exploration group, enjoyed a late burst of support, advancing by 6p to 197p as the group prepared to embark on a roadshow, giving presentations for fund managers and arranged by Goldman Sachs, the American securities house. The roadshow starts in London and then travels to the Con-

Pearson, the publishing andleisure and merchant banking group, again lost ground, falling 11p to 854p in the wake of several profit earnings.
Until the July 23 annual meeting, at which a traditional first quarter's updowngradings, which are believed to include one by its own broker, Cazenove.

Business Technology, the office equipment and service company, was steady at 25p. The group has disposed of its Office Supplies subsidiary and acquired two privately owned companies, Business Products (Midlands) and Business Products (Sheffield). The various deals should result in a net reduction of £500,000 in the group's

MICHAEL CLARK

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FOR all the diversification. Chemists give it was the traditional Boots The Chemists that took the pain out of the group's 1992 March year-end results. It was a year in which sales in the group's retail division totalled £624.6 million, on relief to Boots' diverse which losses of £5.3 million were run up. The retail division previously man-aged profits of £27.3 million ailments on sales of £681.2 million.



Healing from the core: Sir James Blyth of Boots

Ofwat is unlikely to look askance, since customers have obtained more benefit through price abatement from improved efficiencies and savings on the capital programme from innovative designs. Anglian had a good report for service improvement and regulatory compliance is up to schedule.

however, been lagging. This is partly because its relative lack of diversification has again become unfashion-able due to greater fears over regulation. Anglian has a long-term investment programme that will continue

rising after the 1994-5 price review, making it vulnerable if the regulator cuts rates of

Management is keen to show that shareholders can also benefit from cost efficiency and growth in the utility. It should benefit this year from removing a layer of management and from cuts in sewerage costs, which have mostly been taken over from local authorities.

Water supply performance has improved. Anglian is avoiding hosepipe bans despite the drought

since when it has increased supplies by 30 per cent.

Therefore, it can benefit from greater long-term growth in demand than most companies. This was not apparent in 1991-2 when lower demand - from

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profits by about £9 million The shares, at 437p, still offer a below-average yield of 5.9 per cent and sell at 8.5 times earnings which, relhigh enough rating for the

Norcros

BUT for a collapse in the profits from building products, this would have been a creditable set of numbers from Norcros. Profits from the other divisions were well up and operating profit per employee was ahead by []

In addition, the recent £39.9 million disposal of a package of properties and the promise of further sales sheet, which has looked dangerously overgeared in recent years, should appear far more stable by the year end. Gearing at end-March was 98 per cent. The company aims to reduce it to 50 per

was largely offset by profits from building products fall-ing from £13.5 million to £3.6 million, leaving group pre-tax profits for the year ahead only 4 per cent at £15.6 million. Two subsid-iaries in particular, Crosby Sarek and Crittal Windows, were badly hit and fell into Both companies have en

costs to the bone and will show dramatic improvements in performance on olumes. The trouble is that all the talk of rising con-fidence has yet to be trans-lated into firm orders. Even profits rise to £23 million in the current year, giving

10.2p of earnings.
At that level the shares are valued on a price/earnings ratio of 14.5 times, making them considerably cheaper than most pure building

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Tokyo dips under 18,000

WORLD MARKETS

for first time in a week

Tokyo - Shares closed easier. 18.000 on Wednesday and with the Nikkei index ending Thursday last week. under 18,000 for the first time in a week. Beset by futures-linked selling in dull trading and with most investors on the sidelines, the Nikkei ended down 224.61 points, or 1.23 per cent, at 17,964.07. Turnover fell to about 220 million shares compared with 251 million

heart drug going is likely to be between £15 million and

Boots shares fell yes-

terday by 24p to 466p, and

on pre-tax profit forecasts of £402 million they trade on

date on sales — and, hopefully, profits — is given, the shares are high enough.

Anglian Water

ANGLIAN has been the

good boy of the privatised water sector on dividends.

On Anglian's own calcula-

tions, it has raised the payment for 1991-2 by 5.3 points ahead of inflation

instead of the 4 per cent

assumed in the original

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£20 million this year.

on Wednesday. The Nikkei fell by 79.29 points in the first 15 minutes and kept on slowly sliding, reaching its low for the day in the late afternoon with a decline of 296.42 points. While dealers chased some individual issues, most investors stayed on the sidelines before the futures settlement next week, leaving futures-linked programs to depress the mar-ket. The Nikkei closed below

External factors like overseas markets and currency rates were having less and less effect as foreign investors were also keeping a low profile. With no overall trend, individual shares, especially the environment-linked or the bio-technology issues, kept leading the market.

Declining issues outnumbered rises by eight to three, with 659 lower, 246 higher and 173 unchanged. The main declining sectors were the broking, banking, retail, service, warehouse, pharmaceutical, precision instrument, communications, gas. and railway/bus sectors. Only the mining sector gained.

Bio-techs were eagerly traded but most ended below their highs for the day. (Reuter)

HK finishes mixed

Hong Kong — Shares finished mixed after a tug-ofwar between the profit-takers and bargain-hunters, precipi-tated by the numble of Hong-kong Telecom shares on the news of the loss of its local telephone monopoly in 1995.

The blue-chip Hang Seng index inched down by 1.57 points to close at 6.035.80 after touching an early low of 5,979.73 on the Telecom news. The broader all-ordinaries index gained 5.50 points to 3,281.00. Volume improved to HK\$4.24 billion (£302 million) from Wednesday's \$3.83 billion.

Investors noted some switching from Telecom to

Telecom's early tumble of 50 cents to HK\$8.90 was overdone. The price rebounded to close at HK\$9.15. Brokers also attributed the market's mixed performance

other utilities but said that

to the third anniversary of the suppression of China's democracy movement and to today's market holiday. The market should move higher next week, once it has consolidated above 6,000.

☐ Sydney — Arbitrage trading boosted volumes, but prices closed slightly lower, lacking direction. The allordinaries index was down by 1.5 points at 1,676.7.

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WALL STREET

Blue chips weaken

New York - Blue chips eased The Dax index closed 3.73 in morning trading, under pressure from weakness in bonds and futures prices and amid a general climate showing lack of interest. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 6.99 points to having opened at

points up at 1,792.31, almost

☐ Frankfurt — Share prices shrugged off early weakness to end with modest gains.

16 points above the day's low. ☐ Singapore — Prices closed demand for selected bluechips showed underlying sup port. The Straits Times inpoints to 1.507.44 on a volume of 37.05 million shares (39.99 million shares on Wednesday).

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Wowing America for medicine

nvestors will receive no charity from Wellcome. So much becomes clear as the late Sir Henry Wellcome's charitable foundation embarks on the "warm-up" for a share sale worth up to £4 billion next month. Wider share ownership is not among the trust's objectives, as Robert Fleming stressed yesterday. The global co-ordinator sees its job as maximising the take for the trust, for the benefit of medicine and therefore, by extension, for the health of us all. For every £1 billion raised by the trust, medical research and development will benefit to the tune of £35 million a year. Put another way, every million given away in enticements would deprive medical research of £35,000 a year.

Fleming has leant heavily on the BT experience in devising its sale structure. After the three-week warmup period, the marketing campaign proper will get under way and, a fortnight further on, tenders will be invited. The "book-building" process that will gather pace over the ensuing two weeks, has the advantage to the seller of keeping the cost of the offer down, and to investors of ensuring that their money is at risk of market movements for the shortest possible time. If Wellcome is feeling a little queasy, that is because pharmaceutical stocks are falling back from a period of high favour, particularly in America, where John Robb, Wellcome's chief executive, would like to see much of the issue find a home. Hence his booking on a Monday morning flight to New York. His task is to convince Americans, who buy 50 per cent of Wellcome's products but hold only 2 per cent of its shares, that his company ranks among the most historically and potentially successful drugs com-panies in the world. On his success will depend the size of the discount the trust will have to accept on the current share price.

Merger politics

ir Gordon Borrie, who has unrivalled experience of vetting mergers in Britain, has not been impressed by the performance of Brussels on mergers coming into its orbit so far. In the one case where the Commission took a firm stand to block a reduction in competition, there was a messy internal disagreement and much political wrangling, which questioned the Commission's ability to adjudicate effectively and independently. Nestle's takeover of Perrier may underline his point. The commission seems poised to turn down its collective thumb, mainly because the main competitors in French bottled water will be reduced from three to two, though Nestlé claims the commission has failed to notice its divestment of one leading brand to rival BSN. More ominously, the French finance minister has effectively told the commission not to interfere because debates had already been held in the affected countries, meaning principally France, and reopening the subject on crude competition tests would not be in the interests of European development.

The French, not alone among continentals, are used to arranging their own mergers with a strong political input behind the scenes, either as part of national industrial policy or out of habit. The Perrier affair, which involved Italy's Agnelli family, a statecontrolled banking group and France's chosen national food champion, became as political as any. There is a plain conflict between the Commission's competition test and the use of mergers for national industrial policy. If the commission is to play the central role in vetting big international mergers, it must assert its authority and the primacy of its competition test. If politics prevents that, its role should be curtailed rather than be expanded, and more jurisidiction returned to national authorities.

EUROPEAN VIEW

Czechoslovakia prepares to place its bets in privatisation casino

Wolfgang Münchau

takes a critical look

at the country's

ambitious but

risky programme to reform its economy

¶ he casino in Pilsen's Continental Hotel was supposed to be a symbol of the new age of plenty. But only three months after its grand opening in September 1990, four masked robbers entered, held the 40 guests at gunpoint, sprayed tear gas liberally, and escaped with \$83,000. Now let us suppose that the games

played in that unfortunate casino were not roulette or blackjack but the privatisation of Czechoslovakia's economy. It is not as unreasonable an assumption as it may sound, since the federal government has chosen a scheme under which the allocation of shares is carried out by a lottery-style mechanism. The purpose of the game is the privatisation of a substan-tial part of the economy virtually overnight. Imagine what kind of a hold-up that would be?

Admittedly, this comparison is somewhat exaggerated, but it reflects real fears about the dangers of economic reform in Czechoslovakia: fears that the majority of people will lose, that only a tiny minority will gain, most of all the gangsters. Mass privatisation, as it is called, may work well and could set an example for the rest of eastern Europe. But then, it could equally prove a disaster. We do not know. What we do know is that mass privatisation is among the most daring of economic experiments.

At today's general elections, the Czechoslovaks determine their future government, and it looks as if the economic reform programme will receive popular endorsement. The right-wing Civic Democratic Party, headed by Vaclav Klaus, the radical finance minister and the driving force behind the programme, is expected to do well, although no single party is likely to have a majority. Should that be the outcome, the programme Mr Klaus has started will go ahead as planned and may even be intensified.

Within a few weeks, Czechoslovakia should have the largest private sector in eastern Europe, having been the smallest. In a few weeks, Czechoslavakia will also have the largest proportion of citizens as private shareholders in the world.

About 3,000 companies have subscribed to the voucher privatisation programme. Privatisation by vouchers means simply that the government is transferring, for only a modest fee, part of the state-owned sector directly to its citizens. The vouchers have been compared withinvestment money, which the citizens can use to bid for a share in the companies of their choice. Who

"No chance now of

beating them for a place at the poolside"

ers, few City figures have been

capable of delivering such a dry and bemusing no com-

In the driving seat

MARK Cusack, who quit as

director of corporate finance at

Hoare Govett just over a year

ago, is back in the Square

Mile Cusack, 34, born in

Dublin and remembered at

Hoare Govett for his white

Porsche convertible, has reap-

Wedd in a different — but not

peared at Barclays de Zoete

entirely unfamiliar - role as

head of BZW's research team

covering congolomerates and

other industrial materials.

Cusack joined Hoare Govett

in 1983 and was the number

one rated conglomerates ana-

lyst before becoming head of

research and later moving into

corporate finance. His year

out of the City has been spent

working as a consultant and

has seen many changes, not

least of which has been the sale

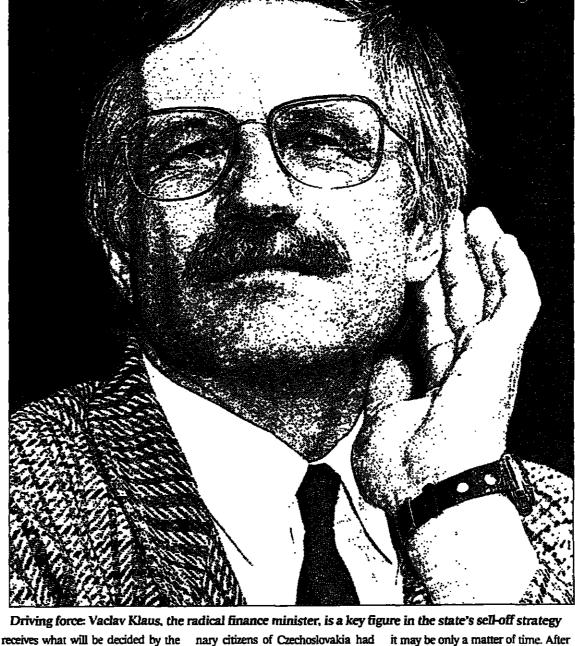
of the Porsche occasioned by

the birth of his first child, Jessi-

ca. "I'm afraid it's true it had

to go." says Cusack. "We now

ment". He will be missed.



"invisible hand" of the free market. In this case, the "invisible hand" is nothing other than a giant Digital computer, situated in the federal statistics office in Prague. The computer takes in the bids, sets demand against supply, and calculates the correct" allocations. The only thing that can stop them now is not politics, nor economics, but a power failure, a computer virus or the "invisible hand" of a crook at the computer keyboard.

The voucher is so simple that it is mind-boggling, since the more one knows about privatisation, the less one is likely to understand the scheme. Western advisers, merchant bankers and especially economists were baffled, and many could not grasp its principles. There is no valuation, there is not even a proper sale, merely an allocation. The ordi-

nary citizens of Czechoslovakia had no such conceptual difficulties. For them it meant forking out one week's wages in return for vouchers, which they were told would earn them at least a tenfold return within one year. It was all they wanted to know, and for the scheme to proceed it was all they needed to know.

Alas, it is not going to be that easy. Criticism of fast-track microeconomic reform such as voucher privatisation has been growing, not only among economists. The pendulum in the perennial debate between shock therapists and gradualists has recently swung back towards the gradualists after Poland, an early proponent of fast-track reform, was forced to swing back into the slow lane. Polish politicians recognised that there are no votes in shocks, unemployment and bankruptcies. Czechoslovakia may not yet be at this junction yet, but

almost two years of debate, the first phase of the voucher scheme was started last December, when the government offered vouchers to each adult citizen at a nominal price of 1,035 korunas (\$34). Vouchers were not immediately popular, but took off once a series of domestic investment funds, with names like Harvard Capital & Consulting, offered a guaranteed ten-fold return. Out of a total of 8 million voucher holders, over 5 million have registered with one of the 400 investment funds. They are all hoping for the big profit.

In most cases, it will be the first profit they will ever have made in their lives. As a concession to the opposition, Mr Klaus did not press ahead as originally planned with the privatisation of 100 per cent of a company's capital. The average number of

60 per cent of the equity, although the range is wide. These shares have a total net book value of almost 300 billion korunas, close to \$10 billion.

Superfically, there is nothing more at stake than a week's wage from the point of view of the individual investor. But because of the tenfold return guarantee given by investment funds, the system is under heavy pressure. If 8 million voucher holders who have paid 1,035 korunas expect a tenfold return, which equals 10,350 korunas, then the total expected return is 82.8 billion korunas. This is going to be the benchmark against which Czechoslovakia's newly private sector will be judged within 12 months. If it fails, all hell could break loose. But the gambit could work, if the net book value is even remotely correct, since the book value for each voucher holder is about 35,000 korunas, over three times the expected return. The snag is that the book value may bear no relationship with market value. Inflated expectations gave rise to much concern among officials in the privatisation ministry, but by then it was too late.

Tomasz Telma, a Czech economist at PlanEcon, the Washington economic consultancy, warns his countrymen that "there are faults in the programme which are not problematic now but which could in a year from now threaten the stability of the entire economy. If these investment funds realise that their companies are not performing well, they may find they don't have the money to pay out the tenfold promise. So they may be forced to sell out."

This could result in a panic-ridden sell-off, and the collapse of the country's financial system. Meanwhile the funds exercise little control. The result could be sudden mass liquidation of a significant sector of the Czechoslovak economy. Mass privatisation will have turned into mass unemployment.

The outcome could get even worse. The combination of investment vouchers, ignorant investors, financial deregulation and the absence of a mature regulatory framework of the kind that exists in the West could allow fraud on a large scale, which would exacerbate the financial squeeze. Given that certain people have a proponderance towards "incorrect" behaviour, this fear cannot be overstated.

Meanwhile the giant computer in Prague will be at work throughout most of the summer. Should Mr Klaus receive an endorsement and should he be able to build a stable coalition, the scheme may even be extended, which means that the stakes would rise further.

Czechoslovakia wants to from the legacies of communism as quickly as possible. Vouchers will certainly achieve that, one way or the other.But casinos are highly addictive, and Czechoslovakia appears totally hooked. The Czechoslovaks will be anxiously waiting for the moment when the croupier announces the final act: Les jeux sont shares available for voucher holders is faits. Rien ne va plus.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Photo call for Asher

BERNARD Asher, chairman of James Capel, has discovered a new meaning to the phrase the "bottom line" after being snapped in close proximity to a seemingly near-naked Vivienne Westwood, the fashion designer, by the Daily Mirror paparazzi. Asher, who was attending a Kensington Palace do attended by Princess Michael of Kent on Wednesday night, had the misfortune to be seated behind the designer in her now-famous transparent dress when the photographers moved in. Owing to Asher's short-sightedness, the snap gave a rather unfortunate impression, but Asher was yesterday said to be taking the picture in good fun. Capel is now hoping shareholders in Midland, currently under bid from Capel's parent company Hongkong and Shanghai Bank will not get the wrong idea. "He was just an innocent bystander." a spokesperson for James Capel says, adding that without the flashlights the dress, though "form-fitting" was hardly transparent at all.

Son of George

OUR mole on British Rail's "drain" shuttle between Bank and Waterloo has not deserted us. Since he last popped up in September, he has been monitoring BR's dismal performance and reports the service has been cancelled 22 times without notice since January. He now says that having failed to locate George, the hapless signalman BR previously blamed for its failures. he is switching his searches to finding Son of George, a

somewhat younger signalman, who it appears is currently the only reliable source of information on the shuttle's operations. This Monday, LBC Radio told listeners the service was closed. A BR area manager also told callers the service was cancelled. Meanwhile, trains were running, but only insiders who had the direct line telephone number to Son of George's signalbox were in a position to know. So far the only known possessor of the coveted "hotline" number is a shop tenant on the Bank station concourse. Our mole is trying to extract the number from him and promises City Diary readers an exclusive as soon as he manages

Lord bows out ALAN Lord, the redoubtable. former Treasury mandarin who has held one of the most thankless jobs in the City over the past six years. finally bowed out as chief executive of LLoyd's of London yesterday lunchtime at his seventyeighth press conference. Lord. who is retiring at the age of 63, has frequently found himself in the firing line over the management of Lloyd's during his tenure but has nevertheless won some Fourth Estate fans for the colourful combination of wit and irritation with which he has fielded the customary battery of critical questioning from the press corps. Over the past six years there can have been few questions about the market that he has not answered. With an average of about 30 questions at each press conference, he has had to come up with more than 2,300 responses. Even if a high proportion of those will

not have satisfied the question-

have a nice big non-convenible non-Porsche family LATEST City definition of an

economist: someone who knows 250 ways of making love but does not know any

Blistering pace ACCORDING to Eric Gabbi-

tas, senior dealer at Henderson Crosthwaite, participants in the Stock Exchange London-to-Brighton walking race will suffer more blisters than ever in the sixty-ninth annual event that takes place tomorrow. "It used to be packed full of messengers who were used to walking around the City," he says. "Now there are no more messengers and it's full of brokers not used to walking trying to work off executive lunches." The Henderson Crosthwaite team will include Chris Ray, assistant director, and Peter Land, associate executive, and while Gabbitas himself reckons he is in premy good shape he admits that he. too, would not mind shedding a few excess pounds.

Ferriday leaves AFTER our news that Enskilda is losing fund manager Diana Barran we learn that Emie Ferriday, the German specialist, has now also quit the firm in a shake up of Enskilda's securities side. Ferriday, 35, formerly senior European analyst at Morgan Grenfell has been with Enskilda for more than four years. He has agreed not to work for a rival for six months he will use the time, he says. to try his hand at a novel.

DEBRA ISAAC

Miras rate cut could finance aid for low paid impact on the wider economy. On its own, the trade-off

between Miras and lower

taxes is likely to be deflation-

ary, through its net impact on

house prices, savings and con-

sumption, and would subse-

quently erode the exchequer's

From Mr Steve Wilcox Sir. The phased abolition of Miras would only disproportionately aid the better-off if it was used to reduce tax rates. But in the penultimate paragraph of the article by Andrew Dilnot and Paul Johnson (Economic View, May 26), they point out that increases in allowances have a more balanced distributive effect than reductions in tax rates.

The case for the abolition of Miras is more its economic inefficiency, and its discriminatory impact across tenures, rather than across income bands.

The progressive impact of the £30,000 limit, and the abolition of higher rate relief, have greatly reduced the regressive dimension to Miras. Moreover, tax changes affecting the housing market need to be evaluated over time.

taking account of their likely

Inside information

future tax base. At the same time most home buyers will, by now, be anticipating the reduction in the Miras rate from 25 per cent to 20 per cent at some point over the next few years. The £1.25 billion or so this

would release could be most effectively used to introduce a 'mortgage benefit" scheme for households in low-paid work, so removing the inequity and inefficiency of the employment trap that constrains an increasing number of unemployed home-buyers. It would also leave about £500 million to increase tax allowances. Quite apart from the

equitable considerations, the mortgage benefit scheme would substantially reduce repossessions and help to restore confidence in the housing market, with all the potential benefits to the wider economy that might follow.

BUSINESS LETTERS

No one wants a repetition of the excesses of 1988 etc, but that is no longer a realistic fear. The overhang of unsold homes, the expectation of low inflation, and demographic changes all suggest that without some further initiative, the more likely prospect is that the languishing housing market will continue to hold back the rate of even modest economic recovery.

Yours faithfully, STEVE WILCOX. Senior Research Associate, Department of City and Regional Planning. University of Wales, College of Cardiff.

Sir, The Midland Bank is, you

report, miffed that Lloyds has eained a competitive advantage from the confidential information it has received by courtesy of the Takeover Panel. Only a few months ago, Midland received (by courtesy of the Bank of England) Brian Pearse from Barclays, complete with 40 years' knowledge of its inner workings and its plans for the future. There was not a peep out of the Midland then about the competitive advantage it had secured. Yours faithfully. P. DODD. Top Farm.

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Horton, Bristol.

Up to 5 million are trapped in their homes

From Mr Joe Egerton

Sir, Your report of the competing analyses of the effect of falling house prices and the effect on indebtedness focuses on the number of people currently unable to repay their loans by selling their homes. While this is an important

issue, the real problem is the very large number of borrowers who can repay their mortgages but would not have enough left over to afford the deposit on their present home. let alone a larger property. This is a massive change in market conditions since 1989. Until that year, rising house prices meant that after between a year and three years, the first-time buyer was able to sell and have double his orginal deposit available for a

second purchase. We estimate that of the firsttime buyers since 1987. 2 million could not sell and

afford the deposit needed to re-purchase their present property. Of those who had mortgages in 1987, we esti-

mate that between 1.5 million

and 3 million are in the same

position Although most of these borrowers now have incomes which would enable them to service a larger mortgage, they cannot take advantage of this because they would have to borrow a higher proportion of the value of their purchase

than lenders will currently advance. As a result, between 20 and 30 per cent of the total stock of

owner-occupied housing is held by people who cannot afford to move. If the government succeeds in holding inflation down, this

is not going to change quickly. Since a majority of those caught by falling prices have endowment rather than repay-

Maintaining the **IoD's premises**

From the Director General of the Institute of Directors
Sir, I would like to correct the impression given in the City Diary ("Pictures of Woe", June 2) that the Institute of Directors is either unwilling or unable to fulfil its obligation to maintain its premises and furnishings at 116 Pall Mall.

The many thousands of visitors and members who use the IoD premises will know of the high standards to which this historic building has been restored (in keeping with its period) and is constantly being maintained.

The IoD is in the process of assessing the requirement to maintain several of the historic works of art housed at 116 Pall Mall. It is fully conscious of, and is preparing to meet, its responsibilities in this respect and to that end is engaged in the normal consultations which take place between tenant and landlords' agents, with whom we have the most friendly relations, in such matters.

Yours faithfully, PETER MORGAN. Director General. Institute of Directors. I 16 Pall Mall.

ment mortgages, repayments have a minimal impact on the

Our computer model of the housing market predicts that if prices in general become stable, house prices will not have reached the peak of 1988-89 by the end of the century; and that on a number of completely credible assumptions, house prices could fall further over the coming decade.

Yours faithfully. J. R. S. EGERTON, Economic & Regulatory 9 St James's Place,

Bundesbank keeps policy tight as growth strengthens

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

STRONG German growth figures for the first quarter, reflecting the good weather and extra working days, were yesterday accompanied by data showing output rising and unemployment continuing to fall in more recent

The Bundesbank's policymaking council, still conabout inflationary pressures, left its key lending rates unchanged. Quick settlements in the pay round last month had raised hopes that the bank would be encouraged to ease policy. Robust first quarter growth is, however, likely to encourage it to keep the monetary reins tight.

Jürgen Möllemann, the economics minister, welcomed the seasonally adjusted 2 per cent increase in western Germany's gross national product

A PROFITS warning, a rights issue and a disposal spell a tale

of woe at Quiligotti, a maker of

floor tiles based in Stockport.

The rights issue of 43.5

million shares will raise £3.2

million. Terms are three new

shares, at 8p each, for every

two held. The issue has been

underwritten by Rutland

Quiligotti has sold Quili-

gotti Inc. its American subsid-

iary, to JWB Capital, a Texan

venture capital partnership, for \$580,000 in cash. It said

further support for the loss-

making operation, which had

had a severe impact on the

group's performance, was not

£4.5 million owed to it by the

subsidiary and the sale will

also mean an extraordinary

loss of about \$4.98 million.

Quiligotti has written off

Trust

Quiligotti launches

£3.2m rights issue

By OUR CITY STAFF

in the first quarter. This gave a year-on-year increase of 1.8 per cent in real terms. The gross domestic product showed the same quarter-onquarter rise, but indicated year-on-year growth of 3.1 per cent. The big gap between annual growth rates for GNP and GDP was explained by the large number of east Germans who commute to work in west Germany and by a steep fall in capital transfers to west Germany.

Herr Möllemann welcomed the figures as confirmation that growth "accelerated significantly during the first quarter, helped by a marked rise in investment. However, he said that, since special factors had contributed to growth, an upward trend could not be assumed this quarter. A "temporary damp-

net of tax, for the year that

ended in March. A review of

the group's UK contracts led-

ger has resulted in an increase

of about £530,000 in the pro-

vision for old contracts that are

unlikely to be settled, twice the

amount announced in the

The group's results for the

past financial year will also

include exceptional items of about £280,000 relating to

rationalisation and re-organis-

Although the UK business

remained profitable the ex-

ceptional items will mean a

pre-tax loss of not more than

£1.83 million, compared with

a profit of £910,000 in the

prévious year. There will be no

The board says the rights

issue is essential to reduce the

level of debt and to strengthen

the group's balance sheet.

ation of UK businesses.

interim report.

final dividend.

ening" in activity could not be excluded, he said. Economists remain divided about the robustness of Ger-

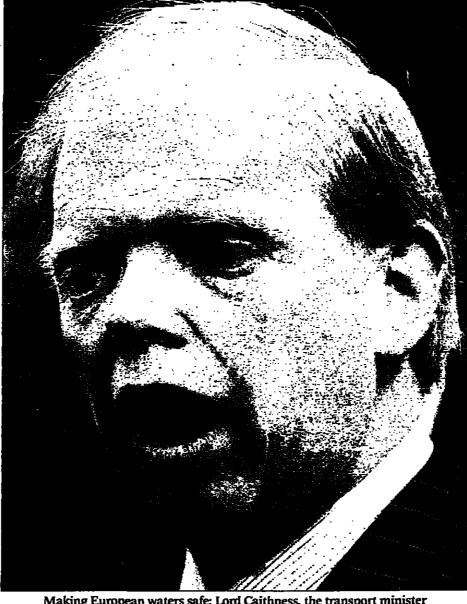
man growth. Mark Cliffe, chief economist at Nomura Research Institute in London. said that recent talk of the end of the German economic miracle was simply a distortion in the light of the first-quarter growth numbers. He expects rising real income and improved export orders to produce a "reasonably robust" second half too, after a weaker second quarter. Kim Schoenholz, international economist at Salomon Brothers, is more sceptical, noting that full adjustment of the economic data provides a much weaker picture.

April figures on industrial production in west Germany, also issued yesterday, showed a provisional 0.3 per cent rise. The increase followed a 1.8 March, which had been heavily revised from the 2.8 per cent slump initially given. Construction and manufacturing output were down, while the mining and utility sectors showed rises. In the important capital goods sector, output fell I per cent. Year on year, industrial production was up 0.6 per cent.

The federal labour office meanwhile reported that unemployment, unadjusted for seasonal factors, fell in both eastern and western Germany last month. In the western part, the total dropped to 1.70 million, or 6.2 per cent of the workforce from 6.4 per cent in April. After seasonal adjustment the total rose to 1.78 million from 1.76 million. In the eastern part, itfell sharply to 1.15 million in May, pushing the unadjusted jobless total down to 1.15 million, or 14.6 per cent of the workforce from 15.2 per cent in April. Dieter Vogel, the federal government spokesman, said the long-term uptrend in western

German employment was,

however, continuing.



Making European waters safe: Lord Caithness, the transport minister

Safe shipping is a priority

would be to tackle the broad

question of state aid across all

transport modes, including

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spiral of subsidy cannot be the answer to the decline of the

EC-registered fleet. He said it

could only result in over-

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heavy burden on the taxpayer.

internal market. Lord Caith-

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THE Earl of Caithness, the transport minister, has told a shipping forum that the question of raising maritime safety standards in European Community waters would become increasingly important during the British presidency in the next six months. Speaking at an internation-

al shipping exhibition in Piraeus, he said Britain would seek to ensure that all vessels trading in its waters were of high standard. Lord Caithness, summa-

rising the priorities of shipping policy in Britain's coming six-months' presidency of the Community, listed cabotage, securing an efficient and fair financial framework for need to iron out distortions of competition resulting from the different system so that all EC community shipping and raisregistered vessels would coming and enforcing standards. pete on an equal footing. A further priority, he said,

But he said: "Part and parcel of this approach must be to ensure the EC-flag vessels do not face unfair competition from sub-standard third country shipping. Why should we have substandard ships in Europe or rustbuckets calling at our ports?"

He hoped that a European Commission communication on maritime safety expected in the near future, would provide a useful focus for debate within the Community.

Manufacturers planning to cut capital spending

By Our Economics Correspondent

BRITISH manufacturers. wary about the economic outlook, expect to pare capital spending by 2 per cent this year after a fall of nearly 16 per cent in spending on plant, equipment and buildings last

But the Central Statistical Office's spring survey of investment intentions, reflecting responses from firms in March and April, indicates that manufacturers expect volume spending to start to rise again in 1993 after three years of decline. Hit hard by the recession. manufacturers appear keen to focus efforts on restoring their financial position rather than boosting capital investment.

This development has been a cause of serious concern to the Confederation of British Industry, which fears that the prolonged decline in British investment will undermine its competitiveness in world

Rival economies have managed to increase capital expenditure throughout the global slowdown. With real interest rates expected to remain high for the next year or two. firms have little encouragement to borrow for expansion.

The twice-yearly CSO survey, which covers around a tenth of manufacturers' capital investment, estimated total capital spedning this year at a seasonally adjusted £10.03 billion, compared with £10.24 billion last year. All industries are expected to spend less this year, with the biggest falls anticipated in metals, food, drink and tobacco. Expenditure on new building is expected to show a further significant fall, but investment in machinery, plant and vehi-cles is expected to rise.

A more encouraging picture could be seen in the latest CSO data on the leading economic indicators.

These showed the coincident indicator, which tracks current movements in the business cycle, rising for the second successive month. The longer leading indicator, which identifies turning points some 10 months in

successive month in April. ☐ American businesses plan to boost spending on plant and equipment by 4.7 per cent this year, according to the latest intentions survey by the commerce department in Washington. The April survey showed a slight improvement from the previous report in the first quarter.

Figures for new claims of unemployment benefit showed the first rise in three weeks, dimbing to 407,000 for the week ending May 23.

Dart makes 'steady' progress

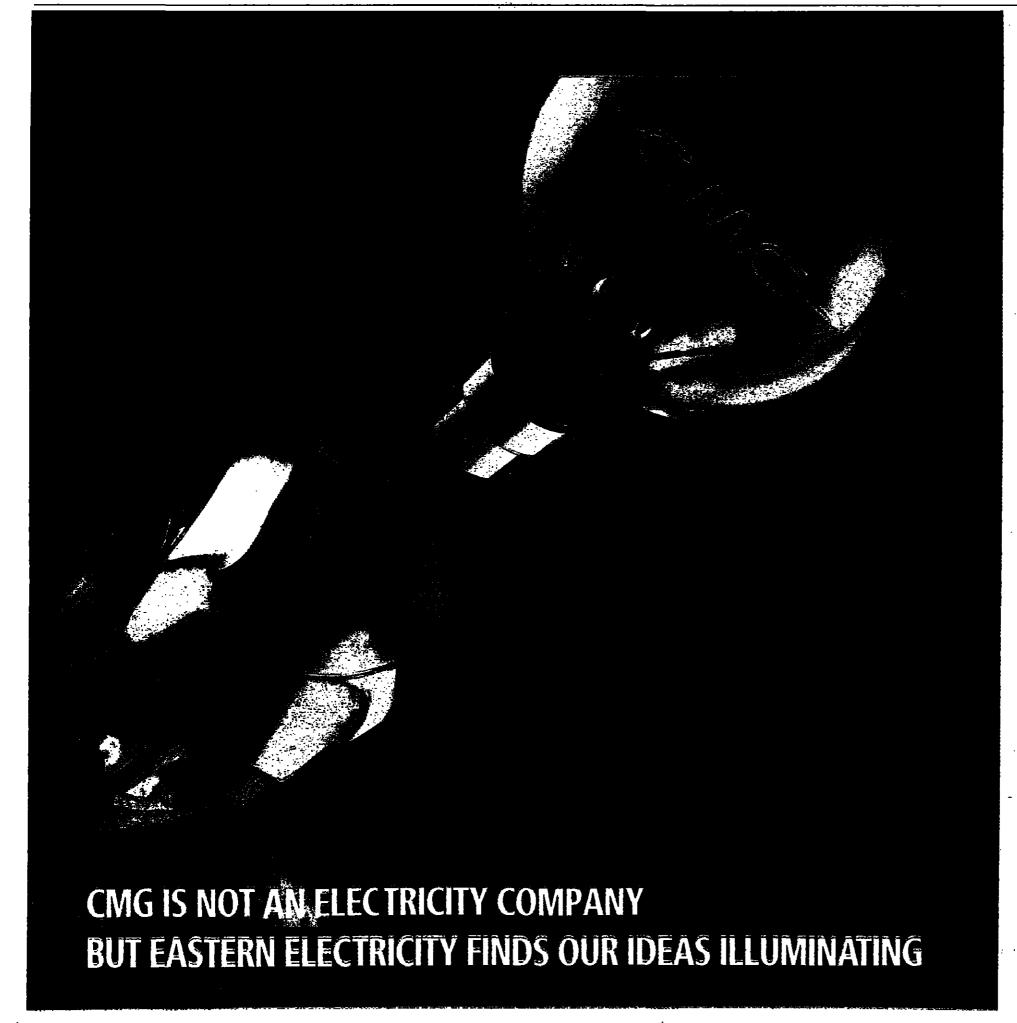
BY RODNEY HOBSON

DART, the transport group, is looking for acquisitions but Meeson. chairman, promises that there will be no rights issue "unless a major opportunity presents itself". Progress in the coming year

will be steady rather than spectacular, he says. Pre-tax profit for the year to March was £1.9 million, up from £1.8 million. The final dividend is 2p, making 3.3p against 3p last time. Turnover improved from £32.4 million to £37.4

Mr Meeson said: "The growth in the group's profits is somewhat less than I would have liked and this is mainly due to pressure on margins throughout the business, particularly in the second half. In our aviation services division we have suffered a lack of ad hoc charter business, although our base contract business has been steady. In our forwarding and distribution division. volumes have been static and margins tight."

He is keen to broaden the aviation services division's operations to include the supply of a wide range of aircraft parts and the support of airlines operating large commercial aircraft.



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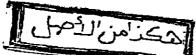
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Helping the deaf to communicate

BY RODNEY HOBSON

A NORMAL working day for Julie full-time course at Bournville Coll-Crouch may include attending a job interview, keeping a hospital appointment, coping with a college lecture and helping the police with their enquiries. Yet she is not looking for a job, receiving treatment, taking an exam or facing a criminal charge. She helps deaf people to cope with life among those who hear without difficulty.

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Mrs Crouch, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, used to be a different type of interpreter. Having studied German at university, she worked as a bilingual secretary before starting a family.

Julie says: "I saw somebody interpreting for the deaf on television about five years ago and became interested. At the time I was at home, with one young son at school and a baby boy, and I thought sign language might be something I could do in my spare time."

The road to setting up her own business as a freelance interpreter for the deaf was challenging. She contacted the Breakthrough Trust, a charity for the deaf and those with hearing difficulties that runs sign language courses. She spent two years attending a weekly course and obtained the stage one qualification from the Council for the Advancement of Communica-

tion with Deaf People. Julie then went on to a one-year,

ege. Birmingham, which took her to stage three. After completing the course in the summer, she set up her business, Julie Crouch Sign and Communication Services, helped by Birmingham Venture, an organisation for small businesses. Their advisers helped her to prepare a business plan, set up accounting systems and enabled her to get on to a business programme run by Birmingham Training and Enterprise Council. Mrs Crouch regrets the lack of funding available for courses in sign language.

She says: "It's a shame with the shortage of interpreters. There is a great need for more training for people like myself and doing it at night school would mean that getting to stage three would take seven years. Breakthrough wants people who can specialise in areas such as teaching, social work and interpreting."

Reaching stage three means she is still only classed as a registered trainee interpreter. She aims to become fully qualified, which will allow her to move into more technically demanding work, but she is getting plenty of experience in the mean time. She is working with deaf students at Bournville and Sutton Coldfield Colleges, interpreting in classes as varied as art, English and car maintenance.



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Decline in start-ups of small firms 'has ended'

THE decline in small business start-ups has come to an end, the National Westminster Bank says (Rodney Hobson writes). NatWest estimates that about 480,000 small businesses will open this year, roughly the same number as in 1991. The South East, the Midlands and Wales are leading the recovery but small businesses in the North are still taking the brunt of recession.

Small business start-ups hit a peak in the second half of 1989, at 270,000 in the six months. But for the comparable period to last December, the figure had shrunk to 228,000. However, the full-year total was still higher than for any year before 1989.

Andy Hunter, deputy head of small business at National Westminster Bank, says: "The decrease in start-ups between 1990 and 1991 was only 10 per cent, which is quite modest considering the depth of the recession."

However, Jane Bradford, the head of small business, says existing small businesses have been affected more severely. She says: "One reason why the recession hit so hard was that small businesses that started in the boom years based their financial assumptions on the belief that economic conditions would continue until they got established. They have been very exposed to the downturn. By the same token, businesses that are starting up now on much less optimistic assumptions must be

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well placed when times get better." Mrs Bradford says that input from small businesses suggests that the climate will not return to the heady days of the late 1980s. Entrepreneurs say the nature and depth of the recession has changed businesses and they believe that the recovery, when it comes, will be slow. They are saying: "The till will tell me better than any survey."

She says that a lower number of start-ups are looking to borrow from banks. This is partly because white collar workers losing their jobs have more money to put into



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☐ This year's three-day UKEMRA small firms research and policy conference will be held in November, partly in Southampton and the rest in France, thus marking the creation of the single market. UKEMRA is the United Kingdom Economic Monitoring Research Association, the professional body for those researching small business affairs.

☐ A booklet for small businesses, spelling out the benefits of looking after staff, has been published by the Department of Employment. A Brief For Owners And Managers In Smaller Organisations is available from training and enterprise councils.

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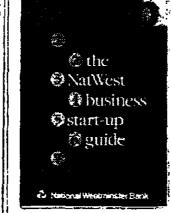
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How animal pain can be spared

project that has just started at Leeds University could reduce the number of animals needed by pharmaceutical, chemical and agrochemical companies in testing. And it might cut costs for the development of drugs, cosmetics and pesticides.

At the heart of the project is a computer program called Derek — Deductive Estimation of Risk from Existing Knowledge — which is being backed by leading companies, as well as government bodies. including the Health and Safety Executive and the agriculture ministry.

The project aims initially to create an accurate, computerbased way of pinpointing com-pounds that might appear promising as drugs or agrochemicals but have potentially toxic or poisonous effects. Traditionally, companies have taken a scatter-gun approach to testing new compounds; a range of promising products is usually given to animals to test for adverse reactions.

By allowing a computer to do some of the preliminary show that these are known eye

the compounds that appear next stage of development. thereby minimising the need for trials with mice, rabbits and other creatures.

Jan Langowski, a research fellow at Leeds and the data-base manager of Lhasa UK, an educational charity coordi-nating the project, says: "We do not see it as ever fully replacing animal experiments but as reducing the numbers of creatures used. If researchers can use Derek, it can point out areas of risk before animals are needed.

Using the program, scientists seeking a new cure can sketch a promising compound's structure on a computer screen and the system will first test whether it obevs the laws of physics and chemistry: to see whether it can be made. The program then searches the compound for fragments or groups of chemicals that have known poisonous or toxic effects. For example, if alpha haloketones are present, the program will

cry. Polyaromatic compounds such as benzene would also be

The program then asks more specific questions about the compound." Dr Langow-ski says. "It will ask what other chemical groups are in the molecule and which features of these might modify the toxicity. A compound might be toxic but if it has no way of getting into an organism, it will never exhibit those effects."

The Derek program, run on a Digital VAX 6310 computer, was born out of research in Boston at Harvard University and in Cambridge at Schering Agrochemicals.

Researchers at Harvard 20 years ago began developing the Lhasa program, an expert system in which the knowledge of research chemists was used to create a computerised method for synthesising com-pounds. With Lhasa, a researcher draws a compound on a screen and the program predicts the building materials needed and indicates the steps required to synthesise the drug or chemical

In the mid 1980s, Schering bought the program and in 1987 modified its codes to create the basic Derek system for predicting the toxicity of compounds.

At the core of the program are 50 rules based on the expertise of a leading toxicologist and covering all the available knowledge on toxicity testing. This data governs the way the program reaches its decisions. In an attempt to widen the program's applica-tions, responsibility for Derek was handed to the Leeds University team, which is based in the school of chemistry.

Dr Langowski says he and his colleagues are now six months into plans to broaden the expert knowledge of Derek panies and research organ-



further by pooling more toxicity knowledge from companies and organisations.

Already, Shell Research and ICI have agreed to use the database under licence. Plans are also being laid to add metabolic knowledge to Derek, which can scan a compound for toxicity in under a minute. The project team has applied to the trade and industry department for £200,000 of funding under the department's collaborative

he Leeds research highlights how, under mounting pressure from animal rights activists and changing public opinion, companies and researchers are looking to

technology to provide ways of minimising animal usage. Some of the new procedures are being funded by com-

isations themselves; others are by bodies such as the Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments, based in Nottingham.

At Leeds polytechnic, David Dewhurst and colleagues in the applied science department have been developing computer simulations that mimic animal experiments. The simulations will, for example, generate the electrical voltages and patterns of a frog's sciatic nerve or a rabbit's heart under the action of different drugs. Students can carry out experiments and gather results as if they were conducting the tests on a real animal's nerve or heart.

Scientists at the Hammersmith hospital in London, meanwhile, have developed a scanner that could reduce the numbers of rats needed in drugs testing. Researchers studying the effects of drugs need to know where these

compounds and their breakdown products end up in the body and how quickly they get there. The conventional approach requires the killing of laboratory animals and examining parts of their bodies to see where the drug and the breakdown products may have gone once the compound has

been administered. The new scanner, a positron emission tomography scanner designed for working with rats, could help end this practice by obviating the need to kill animals. When a drug is given, it has isotopes of carbon, oxygen or fluorine added which emit positrons - socalled anti-electrons. When these collide with electrons inside the animal or human. they emit gamma rays. The scanner detects these,

giving researchers a constant update on the pathway of the drug and its breakdown

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IBM is being coy about entering the cheaper end of the PC market

BM announced a range of cheap personal computers yesterday, only weeks after denying it would do so, Matthew May writes. The new computers, two desktops and a laptop, will be sold only in Europe and will have little to do with 1BM —

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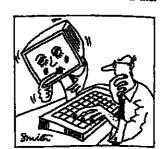
The machines, called Ambra, which will use the 386SX chip, will cost from 1900 (plus VAT) and are designed to compete with the cheap PCs that have eroded IBM's market.

This week, the company briefed hundreds of computer dealers on the new products. although it expects a third of them to be sold through mail order. They will also be available in high street stores.

IBM has long wanted a larger share of the cheaper end of the personal computer market but has been reluctant to sell cheaper machines directly in case it deterred customers from buying its existing models, which command premium prices for the

IBM name and support. The company hopes that by staying in the background and using a subsidiary, it will get the best of both worlds. The computers, which in-

clude two or four megabytes of memory, will come with the DOS.5 operating system and Microsoft Windows 3.1. The go-ahead was given for the project last year, but only last month, James Cannavino



who runs IBM's PC division indicated that the company would sell such machines only if it took a stake in a company that was already doing so.

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analogue cassettes as well as digital tapes, although DCC

tapes cannot be played on existing cassette decks.

"The public is getting fed up with new systems that force

them to junk their existing record collection and start all

over again," David Munns, a

senior vice-president at the

record company Polygram

International, says. "You don't

have to do that with DCC."

quickly and easily.

The format stores compact

format will command.

George Cole new audio formats reports on the should mean that both will be jostling for a position on the shelves of impending war Britain's stores by Christmas. between two new The formats, digital compact casseme (DCC) and mini disc. are designed to replace the audio formats audio cassette in a market

> Mini disc is the invention of Sony, the Japanese consumer electronics company. The format stores over an hour of near compact disc quality sound on 2.5in disc which is kept inside a protective jacket.

Some mini disc systems will also be able to record and all will include a "jog-proof" sys-tem which enables the music to play normally when the machine is jolted or knocked. However, mini disc is not compatible with existing com-

The music industry divides customers for audio products into two groups - home and portable. Home users listen to music on a stereo system that is

'Consumers are looking for a new portable sound system'

often found in the living room. Portable users listen to music in other places, for example,

on a beach or in a car. Although the compact disc is replacing the vinyl LP record, it has not had the same impact on the portable market. Only one fifth of the 120 million CD players worldwide are portable units.

Most consumers still use cassettes for portable audio. Research suggests that users find 5 in CDs too bulky to carry around and they are also reluctant to use their expensive discs outside the home.

In 1990, 180 million cassette decks were sold worldwide, and almost 90 per cent of these were mobile units. such as personal stereos and in-car systems. But cassette tape sales are

declining. The music industry claims consumers are growing tired of the audio cassette, which was introduced by Philips in 1963, and want digital quality sound for both home and portable listening. However, the first two portable digi-tal stereo systems did not sell.

Several years ago, Sony introduced a 3in CD which played on compact portable units but consumers found the discs fiddly to use and each disc could only store up to 20 minutes of music.

In 1990, digital audio tape (DAT) was launched in Europe and America. The system can store several hours of high quality digital sound on a credit card sized cassette. DAT machines are expensive - about £500 - and there is little pre-recorded music available. It has become a very specialised area, of interest

mainly to real hi-fi buffs and

professional markets such as

broadcasters and music Not surprisingly, both Philips and Sony claim that this time they have got it right. "We learnt a lot from experience with digital audio tape," Gerry Wirtz, Philips' DCC project manager, says. "The hardware and tapes were expensive to make and the

had no anti-copy system." DCC and mini disc both use an anti-copy system, which is approved by the record industry and will prevent more than

record companies didn't like

the fact that DAT recorders



Spin doctor: Eric Kingdom of Sony UK with mini discs

one digital copy being made. Philips has opted for an evolutionary path — DCC uses familiar tape technology and remains linked to the audio

By comparison, Sony's mini disc is a revolutionary technology. "Consumers are looking for a new portable sound system," Eric Kingdom, technical information manager of Sony UK, maintains. "Quite frankly, it will take more than

a digital cassette to get them

The first DCC, which will be launched in Britain in Sep-tember by Philips, will offer both recording and playback and will cost about £350. Sony's mini disc players will cost £250 for machines that cannot record and £330 with recording capability.

Blank DCC tapes and mini discs are expected to cost about

Better rates for big business at the exchange

Competition and computers have spawned a new generation of versatile and flexible telephone services

any people will have seen freephone numbers advertised with a product or service. But 0800 numbers are not really free — the bill is paid by whoever is called.

Many organisations are willing to pay for the 0800 facility because they believe they will get more customers if a call is tree.

Freephone numbers were made possible with the introduction of telephone exchanges that can work out whom to bill. As exchanges become more sophisticated. more services are offered. British Telecom, for example, now provides what it calls a virtual private network for big companies as an alternative to installing their own corporate

Instead, all of their calls use BT's network, via two new exchanges, which can bill any call at a special rate. According to John Grim-mett, chief executive of Barclays Network Services. which has signed up Barclays Bank for the service, the issue was not just the capital investment, but also how hest to cater for changes in banking. "It is obvious the banking business will look very different in 10 years,"

he says. "We want greater flexibility." The service will connect to 900 Barclays branches, including 250 which are now connected to its private telephone network.

The introduction of these

services around the world has been boosted by the type of deregulation that Britain has experienced since 1984. Like British Telecom, national telephone operators such as Germany's Deutsche Bundespost Telekom and Telecom Australia are introducing these sorts of services in the hope they will retain customers who might otherwise move their busi-

ness to new competitors. In the United States. where a competitive environment already exists, a huge range of advanced telephone



services has been available for some time. The regional Bell operating companies already use an exchange known as Centrex to provide

These include the ability to program your phone to divert calls to any other phone. In a sense, you can tell the phone to follow you around or calls can be diverted to a messaging system.
In Britain, Mercury Com-

munications has had a Centrex exchange for several years but has not promoted it widely. BT has also installed a Centrex facility but is not publicising the fact.

More services will follow. Telephone companies could allow their business customers to choose where calls should be sent according to the time of day - a company with an 0800 number might want calls to be answered in

a different place after 6pm. There could also be a facility for the customer to tell the telephone system the new number by sending a mess-age directly to the telephone

company's computer. Other options include a company being able to give out a single number to customers with the call sent automatically to the office, store or site nearest to the caller's location. Such networks can also translate a telephone number to the correct fax number if it detects that the call is from a fax machine, preventing annoyance to people who find someone thinks their personal telephone is a fax.

These services require a new type of telephone network architecture, often referred to as "advanced intelligent networks". The services they offer are likely to be a weapon in the battle for business customers as Britain gets more operators that are able to provide telephone

SARAH MACMILLAN

The cost of going to market

THE changes that will be required to some business computer systems when the European single market arrives will cost more than £200 million, according to KPMG, the business consultancy.

Many systems will have to be altered to provide export sales information to the Customs & Excise when new European Community rules on reporting trade statistics start

at the beginning of 1993. The abolition of customs entry documents for much of EC trade means that businesses will have to provide much of the information at present extracted from about 60 million customs entries.

African star

THE Ivory Coast has won a battle against Nigeria to be the headquarters of a regional telecommunications organisation dedicated to putting the first African satellite into space.

in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, ruled last

African telecommunications ministers attending a two-week meeting

week that the Regional African Satellite Communications System (RASCOM) headquarters should be set up in Abidjan.

RASCOM aims to put a satellite

into space in five years at a projected cost of more than £250 million. The decision was a setback for Nigeria, which wanted the headquarters in its new capital, Abuia.

Copper capacity

PARADYNE, a subsidiary of the giant telecommunications company AT&T, says it has developed a technology that gives copper wires almost the same transmission capacity as fibre-optic cables.

The development combines computer hardware and software to speed data transmission over copper telephone lines, the staple of most local telephone services.

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Two pieces of news from Morse. 1) Major price reductions on AST's colour laptops. A Premium Exec 386SX/25C with 60Mb disk

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Women can halt one-way traffic

BY MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE recent domination by the United States in international golf can be undermined by Great Britain and Ireland in the Curtis Cup which starts at Hoylake

The signs are that the home team has prepared so meticulously for this fascinating contest that Elizabeth Boatman. the captain, has every reason to feel confident of receiving the cup from the Duke of York tomorrow afternoon. If she does, it would reverse a trend, because in the last nine months the Americans have regained both the Ryder and Walker cups.

The Duke of York points out in the programme for the Curtis Cup that "no longer is an American victory almost a formality, whether the event be the Ryder Cup, the Walker Cup or the Curtis Cup".

After the wonderful win at

Prairie Dunes in 1986, Great Britain and Ireland retained the Curtis Cup in 1988, but the United States regained it with some ease two years ago. They won all six singles on the final afternoon at Somerset Hills, New Jersey, to complete a 14-4 triumph.

Elaine Farquharson, Julie Hall, Catriona Lambert and Vicki Thomas, as members of that team, will have good reason to raise their games over the next two days. If there is faith and hope in their hearts, I suspect there will be precious little charity.

The Curtis Cup remains a shining example of all that is good about sport, but the desire of the Great Britain and Ireland players is emphasised by their preparation for the match.

For the inaugural match in 1932, the Great Britain and Ireland team arrived at Wentworth at tea-time on the day before and unexpectedly lost. "It was a complete disaster through lack of organisation

on our part," Enid Wilson, a member of the side, said.

Boatman, however, has seen to it that the 1992 team is ready to regain the cup. "We will be going out in a very positive frame of mind," she said. "The intention is to make a good start to shake the Americans rigid."

Boatman believes her players have improved by compet-ing in the United States. where Lambert earlier this year became the first non-American to win the Doherty Cup matchplay title.

Thomas, the most experienced player on the Great Britain and Ireland team, thinks the foursomes partnerships hold the key.

"Ours have been very impressive during our four days here," she said. "Claire Hourihane and Joanne Morley were five under in their

The heavy rain which fell for the best part of yesterday failed to dampen the spirits. The course has been well pre-pared, with the fairways tight in places, but the United States team appears equally confident.

Judy Oliver, the US cap-tain, said she had made a point of getting to know her players before leaving for

"For instance, I didn't know Amy Fruhwirth or Tracy Hanson," she said. "So I went to California, where we played for two days in the freezing cold, wind and rain. I think that was a good

The feeling is that the match will be a close encounter of the kind that Great Britain and Ireland can win. ORDER OF PLAY (GB and Ireland name ORDER OF PLAY (cas and reamo names first): Today: Foursomes: 9.30: J Hall and C Hall v A Fruitwirth and V Goetze. 9 45: V Thomas and C Lambert v L Shamon and S lagram. 10.0: J Morley and C Houritane and T Hanson and C Thompson. Singles: start 2.0. Tomorrow: Foursomes: start 9.30. Singles: start 2.0.



Key player: Claire Hourihane, whose foursome contribution could be critical

Great Britain and Ireland

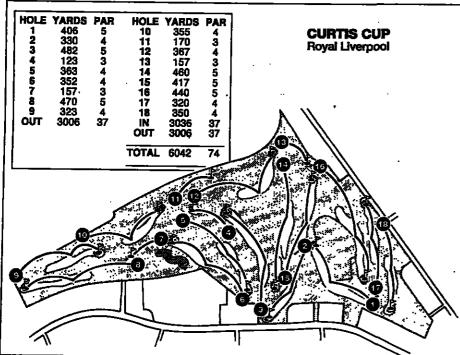
Elizabeth Boatman (captain): Age: 48. Club: Royal Worfington and Newmarket. Vice-captain when Britain retained trophy in 1988.

Britain retained trophy in 1988. Nicola Buxton: Age: 19. Club: Woodsome Hall. Debut. English and English girls' champion 1991. Elaine Farquharson: Age: 24. Club: Deeside. Curtis Cup: 1990. Scottish champion 1990. Caroline Hall: Age: 18. Club: Filton. Curtis Cup: Debut. English champion 1992. Juffe Hall: Age: 25. Club: Felixstowe Ferry. Curtis Cup: 1988, 1990. English champion 1988, British 1990. Spanish 1992. Claire Hourthane: Age: 34. Club:

champion.
Catriona Lambert: Age: 22. Club:
North Hardwick. Curtis Cup: 1990.
Scottish champion 1991. Won
Doherty Cup in Florida in January.

1988. Five-times Irish

THE TEAMS



Joanne Morley: Age: 25. Club: Sale. Debut. English strokeplay and British strokeplay champion 1991. Vicki Thomas: Age: 37. Club: Pennard. Curtis Cup: 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990. British strokeplay champion 1990. Hall and Hall can steady opening nerves

THE first day of a Curtis Cup does funny things to people. One famous American, a great waggler, stood on the first tee in the foursomes on the first day and waggled, even for her, for an age."I don't think I can hit it." she hissed to her partner eventually. Her partner said

"I can't do it." "For God's sake, just hit it," she was ordered. Another waggle. "I can't hit it." You're gonna have to get up here and hit it." And, sure enough, her partner had to get up there

her times for the 100, 200

down and told her that she

was overweight and did not

stand a chance of selection for

anything," he recalled. "A

short while later a slim young

lady appeared in front of me

and said: 'I've lost two stones.

Hinton, 5ft 3in, joined

Ler's start work."

dramatic improvement.

Polly Riley, the wavering waggler, was in her first Curtis Cup.

She was an old and winning hand, but as Vicki Thomas, the most experienced member of the home side at Hoylake this year, confirmed vesterday, age does not do much to reduce the nervous tension. Asked how she had felt before her first match in 1982, she replied: "Probably exactly as I feel now — a bag of nerves."

She added that the young

debutantes newcomers on her team, Caroline Hall, at 18 the youngest member on and hit it. "We lost." she either side, and Nicola

ooze confidence. However, Hall, the English champion from Filton in Bristol, who had a migraine, will not have the supremely nerve-racking test of driving off first for her team this morning. That job is earmarked for Julie Hall, her foursomes partner and room-mate but no relation. who is playing in her third

ner's ability. "I don't say this about many players, but this girl is high class." Liz Boatman, the captain, has no qualms about putting the Hall and Hall partnership out first.

successive match and had no

doubts about her young part-

compile an impressive record but she is still overshadowed. as most players are, by a slight, quiet young woman from Georgia by the name of Vicki Goetze.

Goetze, aged 19, is the youngest member of the American side but one of the most successful. Having started off by winning the US women's amateur at the age of 16. she has already achieved more than most people manage in a career.

She was low amateur in the US Women's Open in 1989 and 1990, was the best individual in the the women's world amateur team

and last Sunday won the national collegiate title for the first time. She has three more years left at the University of Georgia but conceded she might turn professional

Judy Oliver (captain): Age: 44. College: Briarcliff, Curtis Cup: 1978, 1980, 1982. 2nd, US Amateur 1978. Amy Fruhwirth: Age: 23. College: Arizona State. Debut. Won 1991 US

Arizona State. Debut. Won 1991 US Amateur.
Vicki Goetze: Age: 19. College: University of Georgia. Curtis Cup: 1990. Won three titles in 1991. Tracy Hanson: Age: 20. College: San Jose State. Debut. Top amateur (21st) in 1991 US Open. Sarah LeBrun Ingram: Age: 25. College: Duke University. Debut. Won twice 1991. Doherty Cuprumer-up 1992. Martha Lang: Age: 39. College: University of Alabama. Debut. Won US Mid-Amateur 1988; runner-up 1901

US Mid-Amateur 1906, runner up 1991. Leslie Shannon: Age: 43. College: University of Tampa. Curtis Cup: 1986, 1988, 1990 (capt). Won Southern Amateur 1991.

Southern Amateur 1991.
Carol Semple Thompson: Age: 43.
College: Hollins. Curtis Cup: 1974,
1976, 1980, 1982, 1988, 1990.
Seeking record twelfth cup win.
Robin E Weiss: Age: 38. College:
Cazenovia Junior. Curtis Cup: 1990.
Won Mid-Amateur 1989, Eastern
Amateur 1991.

before graduating.

Goetze, who won three matches out of four on her Curtis Cup debut two years ago, was described by Carol Thompson, the American side's most senior member, as "a complete player, very strong mentally". Even she, however. will have a few nerves, well hidden, as she and Amy Fruwirth go head to head with Hall and Hall this

RUGBY UNION

Ireland gamble on Danaher

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN WELLINGTON

BY ALIX RAMSAY TRACEY Hinton, a blind from 10st 11lb in six months. runner from Cardiff, has She works out every day on the track or in the gymnasiemerged as one of Britain's best hopes for a medal at the um — breaking the monotony with runs over the Welsh hills Paralympics, Last September she returned from the Euro-- and her personal best times this season would have given pean championships with a bronze medal. But since then,

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Hinton has slimmed

into medal prospect

and 400 metres have shown a an championships. This weekend she will be The chief athletics coach. assessing her progress at Wolverhampton where the Brit-John Anderson, is astounded by Hinton's achievements. ish championships are taking 'Two years ago I sat her

her silver medals in all three

distances at the last Europe-

Last October she started working with a new guide runner, Bernard Chestney, a former Army PT instructor. "I advertised in the local newspaper and he came forward," she said. "It takes time to get to know each other but Bernard has really helped me Weight Watchers and with my confidence and with slimmed down to 8st 2lb new exercise routines."

who have watched Ireland train this week, Philip Danaher was chosen yesterday to captain the side in the final tour match, against New Zealand at Athletic Park here tomorrow. Whether he takes the field to win his twelfth cap, however, re-

TO THE surprise of all those

mains open to conjecture. Danaher strained medial knee ligaments in the tour's opening match, lasted 38 minutes of Saturday's international and has trained little since. But his inspirational qualities have persuaded the tour management perhaps ill-advisedly, to retain him. Noel Murphy, the manager, left an escape route when he

said: "He will play if everything goes well for us." It is a calculated gamble against a group of New Zealand players whose fires have been stoked by criticism

since the sub-standard display of the first international, which they won 24-21. They are aware of Danaher's difficulties and will not hesitate to capitalise upon them.

The Irish management is also aware of the campaign to put pressure on Sandy MacNeill, the referee. It has been claimed that MacNeill. Australia's leading official, ignored Irish infringement at lineouts and offside in loose play in Dunedin, and that the All Blacks felt too inhibited by the threat of disciplinary action - from televised evidence - to formulate their

unwritten "ground rules". The return of Michael Brewer, at flanker, should go a long way towards tightening their approach. Ireland will seek to vary their tactical approach to see how adaptable this All Blacks team is. They have confounded their critics once; to do so again may be beyond Ireland's

England's B party arrived in Christchurch yesterday and trained immediately to counter travel weariness. The party of 30 will be completed over the weekend with the arrival of Graham Dawe and Damien Hopley.

Neither will play in the first game of the eight-match tour, at Oamaru on Wednesday against North Otago.

against North Otago.

New ZEALAND: M Cooper: J Krwan, F Bunca. E Clarke, J Timut, W Little, A Sirachen, S McDowell, S Rizputrick (captam), O Brown, M Brewer, R Brooke, I Jones, M Jones, A Pene, Replacements: V Tugarnata, G Fox, J Preston, G Dowd, B Larsen, P Henderson.

IRELAND: J Staples, R Carry, P Danaher (capt), V Cunningham, N Furlong, P Russel, M Bradley, N Popplewell, 9 Smitn, P McCarthy, M Galwey, B Rigney, P Johns, M Fitzglabon, B Robinson.
Replacements: K Murphy, J Clarke, F Aheme, T Kingston, G Halpin, P Kenny.

☐ David Sole, the Scotland captain, will not play against New South Wales tomorrow after injuring his left knee.

Saddlers' Hall has long wait for Cup triumph

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

SADDLERS' Hall beat the and that no horse improved Derby winning time of Dr Devious by half-a-second in its placing.

the Coronation Cup yesterday - but then had to wait an hour before he was confirmed the winner.

The stewards faced a nearimpossible task of trying to determine who -- or what -was responsible for a series of bumps and barges which owed more to stock car racing

In the end the unique cambers and slopes of Epsom were probably the guilty party and the stewards were wise to leave the placings unaltered. All the problems began just over two furlongs from home as the battle for the group one

prize began in earnest. The stewards decided that Terimon, ridden by Michael Roberts, had interfered with Sapience, the mount of Ray Cochrane, before Saddlers' Hall and Walter Swinburn ducked to the left as they struck the front - causing more interference to Sapience and forcing Cochrane to

snatch up. Subotica, who in turn suffered and also had to be snatched up, was the main victim and denied a clear run until it was too late.

Eventually, the stewards concluded "all the interference to have been accidental

No wonder Peter Steveney. secretary to the stewards, said afterwards: "It was a night-

mare, made worse by the fact we had to have an interpreter for the French jockey." Thierry Jarnet, Subotica's jockey, will have unhappy

memories of his first ride at Epsom and he complained bitterly to the stewards that he would have won but for all the interference. However, Andre Fabre, the

colt's trainer, was more sanguine. "Maybe, the jockey was a bit too confident about coming round Tattenham Corner. He probably didn't want to go too wide and got boxed in." As the enquiry progressed,

two nerveless punters invest-ed £10,000 to win £1,000 and £5.000 to win £500 in the belief that Saddlers' Hall would keep the race. With Rock Hopper finish-

ing second, the £140,000 race was a triumph for Michael Stoute "Rock Hopper is a very good horse and I wish some

of the press would eat humble

pie and realise that," the trainer said. As for the winner, Stoute commented: "This was his

big test today in the group one race. Obviously, the King

George would be on the agenda." Looking further ahead, he confirmed: "The Arc must

be on the cards." Michael Roberts, a 100-1 shot for the jockeys' champ-ionship at the start of the season, joined Pat Eddery on the 49-winner mark yester-

day, following a 20-1 double. He had victories on the Paul Kelleway-trained Iommelli and Clive Brittain's Esharisto, who is benefiting from running in plastic slin on shoes which prevent the

walls of his hooves cracking. Dr Devious has been given an offical rating of 127 following his Derby success, 5lb below the mark allocated to Generous last year, but around the average for a premier classic winner.

Anthony Arkwright, the Jockey Club's middle-distance handicapper, said yesterday: "All the leading horses did run well and I think the ratings for this race will go up as the season

progresses.
"There have been other Derbys which have been rated higher but which, in the end, did not justify the rating horses or each other. We will see one or two at least of this year's runners off a higher

Cole criticises Epsom officialdom

PETTY and unnecessary officialdom which all too often pervades British racing was blamed yesterday for the dismal Derby day crowd (Richard Evans writes).

Paul Cole, the champion trainer, said: "You have got all these guards, officials and policemen telling people what to do the whole time and they don't feel comfortable. The atmosphere is going.

"They want to open the thing up and get a car park for the cars, make the general public welcome and have decent facilites. They should do away with members' and have one big stand, as they do in America.

"All these restrictions don't make people feel at home or welcome. No-one wants to be shoved around and be told to

Windsor. It may not be the greatest racetrack in the world, but people turn up in their droves because of the atmosphere and general ease of the place." The Derby day attendance

of 21,000 — down 6,000 on last year's recession-hit crowd - was a bitter blow for United Racecourses, following the opening of the new £9 million Queens Stand. Major Michael Webster, clerk of the course, blamed the decline on the recession. But the state of the economy is not the sole reason and I

believe Cole is far nearer the mark. Racing, to use the modern jargon, is not userfriendly. This year's Derby meeting is certainly lacking



Cole: public should be made to feel welcome

Silver Wisp eyes King George

THE Derby third, Silver the Derby when finishing bounce off the ground and Wisp, will be kept to middle thirteenth. distances with the King George and Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Stakes as his mid-season target and, initially, the Grand Prix de

Saint-Cloud on July 5. Geoff Lewis, his trainer. didn't think his stable star stayed the mile-and-a-half. but yesterday said: "I was a bit too quick to blame the trip. He made two runs and from the position he started had a lot to do. It is difficult to make one challenge and then have

to make another. Richard Hannon has taken blood tests from Assessor, one of the big disappointments of

"I was gutted. It was an

incredible disappointment and he has been blood-tested. He was knocked twice and I think the other horses took liberties with him," the trainer said.

There is a vague chance we may try him in blinkers next time, but we don't want him to go the wrong way. The Irish Derby is a possible target.

The Budweiser classic could also attract fourthplaced Muhtarram, though John Gosden will also consid-

er the Eclipse Stakes. "He is a horse that likes to

the good-to-soft straight," he

"Pollen Count got banged about and didn't handle the hill. At one point I thought he would end up in the fairground. I have a group one race in Germany in mind for

Non-stayers Alwasheek, Great Palm and Rainbow Corner will all be dropped back in distance.

the mile-and-a-quarter Grand Prix de Paris on June 28 when he could clash with Arazi, while Rainbow Corner will revert to a mile.

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1 RUSSET WAY Mrs N Macauley 86 N Dep 3

11-4 Madam Cyn's Risk, 3-1 Andrea's Girl, 9-2 Nite Get Dally Sport, 8-1 Matthew David, 10-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 7 winners from 25 runners, 29 0%, J Berry, 21 from 107, 19,6%, M Prescott, 13 from 69, 18,6%; A Hide, 6 from 37, 16,2%, P Kellewey, B from 41, 14,6%; N Callaghan, 8 from 58, 13,8%. JOCKEYS: M Tebbutt, 6 winners from 32 rides, 18.8%; N Day, 13 horn 77, 16.9%, T Sprake, 5 from 33, 16.2%; G Duffield, 31 from 207, 15.0%; G Carter, 27 from 186. 14.4%; N Connorton, 4 from 28, 14.3%. 3.30 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,208: 1m 4f) (8)

Evens Alderbrook, 7-2 Five To Seven, 5-1 King's Guest, 8-1 Stratford Lady, 12-1 Satari Park, 16-1 others.

4.05 KPMG PEAT MARWICK HANDICAP

5 2-85 VERDANT BOY 6 (CD.F.G.S) M Naughton 98-1 N Connoting 5

6 0-00 LOCTING 13 (D.F.G.S) M Lister 68-12... C Hodg 7 2310 STREP CARTOON 43 (B.C.S) S Bowling 4-5-12

8 2/0 TICKHAM VIXEN 13 J Bethell 4-8-10. Deem Milderter (7) 11 9 1450 HAWAII STOPM 26 (CD) Miles A Whylded 4-8-5 Date (above 10 0 0-40 ELZA WOCORNS 11 (D.P.) C HE 4-8-4 A POUR 8 11 60-0 PERSAN BUD 13 J Bosley 4-62 N G Willems (S) 2 000- WATERMUL (SRIL 28) TD Thom 4-8-0. C HawAstey (7) 1 3 3510 VERRO 29 (B.C.S.) J Bernett 57-11 G Berdwell 3 3-1 Verro, 4-1 Ain'tilte@ketthet, 6-1 Gellery Artist, 7-1 Verder Boy, 8-1 On Y Ve, Strip Certoon, 10-1 Wellsy Led, 12-1 others

4.35 GROSVENOR HANDICAP

6 8200 CHINA SKY 3 (D.F) C Allen 4813. ... G Berdwell 7
7. 20-0 REVOKE 18 C HB 58-12. ... S Maloney (5) 12
8 -000 NIGHT TRANSACTION 20 (D.F) A Hide 58-10 Date Gloson 14
9 2030 SUPER-SUB 10 G Fleming 38-10. ... G Certer 5
10 5555 SANDMOOR DENSM 4 (D.F.G) 5 Bowing 588
M Name (7) 2

94 Cualitair Rhythm, 72 China Sky, 92 Sareen Express, 6-Sancimoor Danim, 8-1 Revoke, 10-1 Bucidy's Friend, 12-1 others.

5.05 BLOOMSBURY MAIDEN STAKES

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Great Palm will head for

CATTERICK BRID

11-10 Prace Of Darkness. 3-1 Ingenuity, 5-1 Notice Dean, 6-1 Digger Doyle, 12-1 Captain Marmalade, 14-1 others.

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Mr. William

DURING a recent visit to Stanley House stables in Newmarket. John Gosden predicted that we would not see the best of Zalon until he ment and production of the state of the stat ran over a mile and a quarter. In the circumstances, I will be looking for an improved performance from his grey colt by Flash Of Steel at Epsom today, culminating in a victory in the Sun Life Of Canada Handicap in which he will be ridden by Steve

Cauthen. Hitherto Zalon has been running over shorter distances, twice at Newmarket and also at York, and it is easy to understand his trainer's assessment.

Zalon began the season by finishing a creditable fourth behind King Olaf, Hamas and Talb over seven furlongs.
After that his distance was increased to a mile, again at Newmarket, where he duly opened his account by beating the consistent Mr Flood.

MANDARIN

(nap). 4.15 Love Legend.

4.45 First Century.

2.00 Rich Midas. 2.35 Lady Debra Darley. 3.10 Zalon.

3.45 QUICK RANSOM

SE MENDAMONE

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Last time out Zalon was a respectible fifth behind Ecliptic in the Sledmere Handicap over nine furlongs at York. Judged on the way he was running on, the longer trip. today should be right up his

street.

THUNDERER

2.00 Red Leader. 2.35 Avice Caro.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 QUICK RANSOM.

DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M 114YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST 2.00 EBF FLEMINGTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,782: 51) (12 runners)

3.10 Big Easy.
3.45 Quick Ransom.
4.15 Duplicity.
4.45 Plan Ahead.

Researd number. Draw in brackets. Stockgure form (F - fell. P - pulled up. U - unesetted rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - retused. C - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disquelified). Horse's name. Deve since test cuting: J II jumps. F II flat. (B - blinters, V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and riandicepper's rating.

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AVICE CARO around 31/st 3rd of 8 to Anne Bonny in Newmarkst (1m. good) maiden. DONIA 16/st 6th of 15 to Less Friendly at Sandown (1m. 2).

LADY DEBRA DARLEY sh hd 2nd of 11 to Jade Vale in Goodwood (7i, good to firm) median with Selection: LADY DEBRA DARLEY.

1991; STOP PRESS 8-6 R Cochrane (9-4 fav) M Stoute 9 ran FORM FOCUS

ZALON around 415th of 19 to Ecliptic in York (1m 1f. good) handicap. VALLEY OF FIRE beat Petite Sonnerie 21 in 21-runner at Warwick (1m). Kempton (1m 1f. good) melden. MAESTROSO 51 3rd of 8 to Landowner in Windsor (1m 3f 135yd. good) handicap. LER CRU 51/2 fin of 10 to Callet (1m 1f. good to firm) handicap. BIG EASY 31 3rd of 22 to Inner City in Wendaor (1m 2f. good) maiden.

He is just preferred to Alessandrina, whose eyecatching run in fourth place at Kempton last time hinted strongly that she was one to bear in mind for handicaps. incidentally, her trainer Michael Stoute won this race

While Gosden and Cauthen will also be looking to win the Alberta Rose Maiden Fillies' Stakes ealier with Avice Caro, who shaped with a degree of promise on her debut at Newmarket

RICHARD EVANS

T Quinn — WR Swinburn — Pat Eddery 97

3.45 Deposki.

12 months ago with Stop

when third to Anne Bonny. I favour Lady Debra Darley. who did even better when running Jade Vale to a short head at Goodwood first time

Barrish, who was runnerup to Hateel in the Northern Dancer Handicap last year, is a strong fancy from Reg Akehurst's local yard, to go one better this time. However, he has 7lb more

to carry as a result of that narrow victory at Kempton 13 days ago when he got up virtually on the line to pip Knock Knock In this instance, I am content to go nap on Quick Ran-

som, even though he was beaten a length by Barrish's stable companion Mahfil at Lingfield last Saturday.
The fact that they finished six lengths ahead of the remainder tells its own tale. Quick Ransom still figures

on a handy mark as he began

the season by beating Sea



Gosden: trying Zalon over ten furlongs

Goddess, a winner twice since, before finishing third behind Castle Courageous and Witness Box at Newmarket.

Love Legend, who was far from disgraced when seventh behind Freddie Lloyd at York after winning at Chester, is taken to solve the puzzle posed by the Tokyo Trophy.

Long handicep: Latour 7-4, Roberty Lea 7-2. BETTING: 9-2 Berrish, 6-1 Kaytsk, Ouick Ransom, 7-1 Deposki, 8-1 Kansk, 10-1 Express Account, 12-1 Kimbers, 14-1 Libk, Castorer, 16-1 others.

1991: HATEEL 5-10-0 W Carson (7-1) P Walwyn 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

KIMBERS best effort this term when 3¼1 3rd of 14 to Close Friend in Newmarket (1m 4f, good) handicap with CASTORIET (2b better off) ¾4 4th, SEAL INDIGO (3b better off) ¾5 5th, KANSK (same terms) 8 9th and LIBK 141 13th.

FRAGRANT HILL best Line Drummer ½1 in 5-runner Newbury (1m 3f, good to firm) handicap. DEPOSIG (1m 3f 108yd, good) handicap. KAYTAK best Good For A Loan 1½1 at Kempton (1m 4f, good).

Selection: QUICK RANSOM

BETTING: 5-1 Plain Fact, 6-1 Gorinsky, Surrey Racing, 7-1 Across The Bay, Green Dollar, 10-1 Princess Tara, 12-1 Invocation, Love Legend, Ostantstiontein, Petraco, 14-1 others.

1991: GREEN DOLLAR 8-8-10 L Piggott (9-1) E Wheeler 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

LETSBEONESTABOUTIT below form since % 3rd of 9 to Flyde Fiyer in Doncaster (61, good) isted race with DUPLICITY (3fb worse off) 1% 5ft.
LOVE LEGEND best Cronk's Courage 1% at Chester (51, good to firm) with PETRACO (8b better off) ARCACOSS THE BAY best Luns Bid % in 11-unner 16 ARCACOSS THE BAY best Luns Bid % in 11-unner 16 ARCACOSS THE BAY best Luns Bid % in 11-unner 16 ARCACOSS THE BAY best Luns Bid % in 11-unner 16 ARCACOSS THE BAY BOOD NORTH SURREY DANC-BROWN FACT DEAL Spring High 2% is the surrey of 14 to Go Executive here (7f, good) series (5f, good) with GALLANT Selection: SURREY RACING

4.45 KENTUCKY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,979: 1m 114yd) (10 runners)

1991: ETERNAL FLAME 8-6 R Hills (3-1 tav) J Hills 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

WAVE HILL 817th of 13 to Spice in Newmarket (Bl. good to firm) handicap. DOLLAR WINE 5½ 3rd of 13 to Aragona in Salebury (7f. good to soft) apprentice pockey handicap on penulthmate start.

LINDEMAN 2½ 2nd of 13 to Alimac Nomis in Brigh-

COURSE SPECIALISTS

JOCKEYS

W Carson R Cochrane Pal Eddery S Cauthen M Roberts T Quant

TRAINERS Winners Runners Per cent

4.15 TOKYO TROPHY HANDICAP (£5,842: 6f) (15 runners)

3.45 NORTHERN DANCER HANDICAP

(£14,070: 1m 4f 10yd) (16 runners)

The extremely competitive nature of that York race has already been borne out by Freddie Lloyd winning the group three Ballyogan Stakes at Leopardstown in the meantime, while Viceroy and Farfelu, who were sixth and fourth respectively at York, were first and second in the sprint at Epsom on Derby

At Haydock Park this evening, Resolute Bay is taken to make the first big contribution to his annual keep by winning the Cassini Parfums Handicap following that luckless run at Doncaster.

I hear that some aboveaverage two-year-olds contest the Lancashire Life Maiden Stakes, but I shall rely on the Tom Jones-trained Humam.

Blinkered first time EPSOM: 2.00 Second Chance. CATTERICK BRIDGE: 2.50 Natral Ex-change. 4.55 Antern. SOUTHWELL: 3.00 Buy Sunday Sport. Pretzel. 5.05 Santoyt. GOCDWOOD: 8.35 Custny. 7.05 Devd's Soul, Betalongabil. 8.30 Ltu Llu Sen. HAYDOCK PARK: 7.10 Devon Dancer.

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6.35 Edge Of Darkness 7.05 Skipper To Bilge. 7.30 Twice The Groom. 8.00 Three Wells. 8.30 Tea Dust. 9.00 Fivesevenfiveo.

THUNDERER 6.35 Laughing Falcon. 7.05 Skipper To Bilge. 7.30 Twice The Groom. 8.00 Mr Poppleton. 8.30 Cheveux Mitchell, 9.00 Fivesevenfiveo.

Richard Evans: 7.30 Twice The Groom-GOING: GOOD TO FIRM, GOOD IN PLACES

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST **5.35** GOLDEN YEARS APPEAL CLAIMING

STAKES (£1,725: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

7.05 NEW HORIZONS CLAIMING STAKES

1 POOD DEVIL'S SOUL 16 (B,CD,F,S) R Akahursi 493

3-4 Skipper To Bilge, 11-4 Devil's Sout, 9-2 Miss Cookie, 6-1 Sergeent Meryll, 8-1 Betzlongsbill, 12-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Collegeidge, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33,3%, R O'Sulliven, 5 from 24, 20,8%; M Stouts, 14 from 76, 18,4%; J Hélie, 8 from 46, 17,4%; R F J-Houghton, 9 from 55, 18,4%; D Elsworth, 22 from 142, 15,5%. JOCKEYS: A Munro, 17 winners from 65 rides, 25.9%; M Fills, 18 from 94, 19.1%; J Raid, 25 from 150, 18.7%; M Roberts, 24 from 165, 14.5%; R Cochrane, 25 from 190, 13.7%, D Biggs, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

☐ The Palace House Stakes winner Monde Bleu, ridden by Dominique Boeuf and trained by Andre Fabre, won the group two Prix du Gros-Chene at Chantilly yesterday. beating the former British-trained Showbrook a length.

7.30 BRITAX 21 CLUB MAIDEN STAKES

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2 LINDERHOF M SM 3 MARCHWELL LAZ 4 2 MYSTERIOUS WAY 5 NEWBURY COATM 6 PLAY HEAVER GOLD 7 RAGING THUNDER 8 0 REMEMBRANCE D 9 THE EXECUTOR R 10 3 TWICE THE GROO 11 54 WITHOUT A FLAG	9-0
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a imice the Green, 11-4 M	sterious Ways, 7-2 Linderhot, 7-1
Remembrance Day, 8-1 Mrs V	Vest, 14-1 others.

8.00 ORLANDO JEWELLERS STAKES

(3-Y-O: £1,725: 1m 6f) (9) 11-4 Thee Wells, 7-2 Former Invitation, 9-2 Mr Poppleton, 11-2 Teddy's Play, 13-2 Last Conquest, 10-1 others

8.30 STARMIN STAKES (£1,725·7f) (14)

2 0031 CHEVEUX MITCHELL 6 (V.D.F.G) M Charmon 59-11 (Feb. R Cochrane
3 -054 LUCKNAM DREAMER 6 (D.F) Mrs Barbara Waring 49-4 N Howe 11
4 30-5 DANCE ON SDPENCE 153 (D.F.G) H Collingratige 4-92
J Quant 12 5 0446 BELFORT RULER 7 (CF) 8 Gubby 59-1 J Willens 9
6 0-01 HOPEPUL BID 17 (CD) R Hammon 39-0 J Reid 4
7 20-1 TEA DUST 13 (07) P Materi 49-0 J Reid 4
8 400 APPORDABLE 15 (07) G Lews 348... Paul Eddery 13
11 15-5 QUICK STEEL 28 (B.D.G.S) T McGrown 48-4 M Roberts 3
11 005 PREMIER PRINCE 11 (CD) F.G.S) L Contrel 58-1
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9.00 LORDS TAVERNERS STAKES

(£1,725: 5f) (4)

1 0413 FIVESEVENFIVEO 7 (CD,8F,F,G) R Hodges 49-10 R Cochrans 1 2 2306 THE NOBLE OAK 11 (B,F,G) M McCormack 49-13 J Red 4 3 0-63 MJSVAL 13 R Hamton 38-6 M Roberts 3 4 0-00 SHADES OF JADE 13 J Bridge 48-1 T Williams 2 B 13 Fivesevenfiveo, 9-2 The Noble Oak, 11-2 Musval, 12-1 Snades Of Jade

HATOCK PACK

MANDARIN 6.40 Greek Gold. 7.10 Combative. 7.40 Resolute Bay. 8.10 Lots Of Luck. 8.40 Humam. 9.10

6.40 Greek Gold. 7.10 Common Council. 7.40 Macfarlane. 8.10 Lors Of Luck. 8.40 Knight Of Shalot. 9.10 Eurotwist. Richard Evans: 7.40 GLENSTAL PRINCESS

(nap). Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.10 Combative

8.40 HUMAM (nap). GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.40 HALSALL MAIDEN STAKES (£1,884: 1m 2f 120yd) (11 runners)

5-2 Greek Gold, 9-2 Kabayil, 5-1 Turgenev, 13-2 Triennium, 16-1 Mahairy, 25-1 others.

7.10 BURTONWOOD BREWERY

HANDICAP (£2,978: 1m 30yd) (11) ANDICAP (£2,976: ITH SUYS), ...,

1 -143 TRAFALGAR BOY 24 (CD,G.S) J Etherniston 9-7

2 -051 CASTLEREA LAD 13 (C,F,G) R Hollinshead 9-4

W Carson 2 W Carson 2
3 5421 COMBATIVE 7 (V.D.G.) J Goeden 9-1 (Sex)
Pat Eddery 8
4 -231 ACT OF UNION 8 (F) W Pearce 9-1 (Sex) D Micholis 3
5 11-3 COMMON COUNCIL 17 (D.F) G P-Gordon 8-13
G Carter 5
6 0-00 MAY HILLS LEGACY 22 (G) D Arbuthnot 8-11
D Holland 7

7 4082 DEVON DANCER 13 (V,G) M H Easterby 8-10

9-4 Combative, 7-2 Common Council, 4-1 Trafalger Boy, 6-1 Castlerea Lad, 8-1 Devon Dancer, 10-1 others.

7.40 CASSINI PARFUMS HANDICAP

(£3,132: 6f) (12) 1 0-03 RESOLUTE BAY 13 (V.D.F.G) R Wheaker 6-9-12 A Culture 11 2 0043 RED ROSEIN 11 (D.BF,F,G) J \$ Wison 6-9-8 G Carter 1

10 00-0 NORTHERN SPARK 20 (D.G) C Thomton 4-8-11 Dean McKeown 9
11 100- PLAYFUL POST 252 (G.S) M H Easterby 5-8-10 S Maloney (5) 3
12 0-54 GLENSTAL PRINCESS 8 (CD.F.G) R Holleshead 12 0-54 GLENSTAL PRINCESS 8 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshear 5-8-8 Pat Ed 7-2 Resolute Bay, 5-1 Garth, 6-1 Crystal Jack, Macfarlane, 13-2 Gondo, 8-1 Pallium, Gionstal Princess, 10-1 others.

8.10 RED ROSE HANDICAP (Amateurs: £1,814: 1m 2f 120yd) (20)

9 OP-5 LOTS OF LUCK 77 (CD,F,S) J Pearca 9-10-8

17 000- THE METROPOLE 223 A Potts 3-9-11

Sarah Judge (3) 12
18 /// MOST INTERESTING 11J G Jones 7-911. ____ 4
19 0/0 MUST BE MAGICAL 28 F Les 4-911. ____ 2
20 0/0 FIRST EXHIBITION 11J Mrs A Krught 5-9-8 D Salter 1 9-2 Flying Down To Rio, 11-2 Helston Princs, 6-1 Old Peg. Lots Ol Luck, 15-2 Abeloni, 10-1 Smoke, 12-1 others.

8.40 LANCASHIRE LIFE MAIDEN STAKES (£1,786: 6f) (11)

1 554 ARGYLE CAVALIER 13 F Lee 90 ... A Cultivana 9
2 HARPOON LOUIE M H Easterby 90 ... K Darley 6
3 HAWL A Scott 90 ... B Raymond 11
4 HUMAM H Thomson James 90 ... R Hille 5
5 KNIGHT OF SHALOT P Chapple-Hyerr 9-0 0 RESOLUTION TIME 13 Mrs V Aconley 9-0 P Burks (7) 10

9.10 WINWICK HANDICAP

(£2,660: 2m 45yd) (4)

6-5 Eurotwist, 2-1 Tricycle, 9-2 Jack Button, 5-1 Millador.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: J Gosden, 11 winners from 37 runners, 25.7%; H Thomson Jones, 14 from 54, 25.9%; M Bell, 5 from 20, 25.9%; Curram; 15 from 65, 23.1%, P Walwyn, 6 from 29, 20.7%; J Duntop, 12 from 65, 18.5% JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 33 winners from 129 rides, 25 6%: L Dettort, 15 from 65, 23.1%. W R Swinburn, 11 from 67, 16.4%: W Carson, 14 from 92, 15.2%, D Nachols, 7 from 49, 14.3%; Dean McKeown, 19 from 144, 13.2%

CAFFERICK BRIDGE

MANDARIN THUNDERER 2.20 Charity Express. 2.50 Natral Exchange. 2.20 Charity Express. 2.50 Soft Note. 3.20 Furiella. 3.55 BOURSIN (nap). 3.55 Flourishing. 4.25 West Stow. 4.55 Treasure Time. 4.25 West Stow. 4.55 High Principles. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.55 Flourishing. DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.20 GILLING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,186:5f) (7 runners) BETTING: 13-8 Charty Express, 11-4 Moving Image, 5-1 Hotaris, 11-2 Simply Amiss, 12-1 Not Earsay, 16-1 Meconopeis, 25-1 Summers Dream. 1981; ARCTIC APPEAL 8-17 J Carroll (5-2) J Berry 9 ran

2.50 SCORTON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O; £2,088: 1m 5f 175yd) (6 runners)

British duo run in French Derby ONLY two British-trained horses. I taking a huge step in class.

1991; PUCK'S BOSS 8-0 G Dutteld (8-1) M Prescott 8 ran

Jape and Binkhaldoun, will contest the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derbyl at Chantilly on Sunday.
The pair were among 17 entries confirmed yesterday for the classic. Binkhaldoun, trained by Tom Jones, having been supplemented for the race at a cost of more than £20,000.

Hamdan Al-Maktoum's coit. a

The Paul Cole-trained Jape. nun-ner-up to Twist And Turn in the Chester Vase last month, also faces a difficult task.

France's leading trainer Andre Fabre has a powerful entry of six as he attempts to win the race for the first time. He said yesterday: "I will probably run all six, and Apple Tree is the winner at Doncaster last month, is | best of them."



BETTING: 11-8 Flourishing, 7-4 Soursin, 5-1 Soutish Park, 11-2 Salda, 14-1 Sramples Way. 1991: GOOD PROFILE 9-7 K Darley (9-2) S Norton 4 ran 4.25 SCOTCH CORNER MAIDEN SWEEPSTAKES (52,382: 1m 4f 44yd) (6 runners)

BETTING: 4-7 West Stuw, 2-1 Hendechem, 12-1 Karberry, 19-1 Ivanov, 20-1 Tremendous, Playful Juliet. 1991: GOIN AND GROWIN 3-8-6 J Fortune (2-9 tav) L. Cuman 5 ram

4.55 JERVAULX HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2 684. 5/) (9 runners) ### 803021 OPTICAL 7 (D.F.) Nors H Wane; M Surgition 9-13 (Text J Weaver (5) ### 99 40-5253 AUCTION KING 2 (3 Tate) A Smith 9-7 A Cultisine 94 0-00001 CHSSHIRE ANNUE 9 (D.F.) (D Delaney; W Carser 9-3 (Text) W Newness 95 200-840 BALLADEE PET 9 (T Vates) Miss V Appriley 9-0 K Fallon 92 246-538 HIGH PRINCIPLES 26 :Heatheryon Stables Ltd; J Berry 8-12 J Carroll 89 1991; PRINCE BELFORT 9-2 G Mart (4-1 tav) M Naughton 13 ran **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

Winners Runners Percent JOCKEYS

TRAINERS

G Wrage M Stoute M Bell M Prescott If Thomson M Tomphina

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS E2.10 DF: E3.80 CSF: £10.04 Tno. 270.60 2min 35.73sec. After stewards' enquiry, result stood 4.15 (71); EFHARISTO (M Roberts, 7-1), 2, Nobbe Pet (T Quinn, 9-1), 3, Euro Festival (Pat Eddery, 11-4 fav) ALSO RAN: 3 Night Asset (Stin), 8 Vanborough Lad, Tals Denoer (4th), Merits Wish (5th), 14 Mexican Denoer 8 ran [21, 34]. Epsom Going: good enquiry, result stood 4.15 (701, EFHARISTO (M Roberts, 7-1), 2. Noble Pet (T Cuinn, 9-1), 3, Euro Festival (Pat Eddery, 11-4 fav) ALSO RAN: 3 Night Asset (Sin), 8 Vanborough Lad, Tate Dencer (4th), Merirs Wish (5th), 14 Mexican Dencer 8 ran 7s, 33sl, 34, 11, 11, C Brittain at Newmarkel Tote 28.80, 21.80, 22.80, 21.40 DF, 248.80, CSF, 258.43, 7ricast £182.52, Imm 24.32sec

Placapot: £135.50.

Beverley

Going: good

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2.00 (6) 1, IOMMELLI (M Roberts, 13-8 fay); 2, Crussda (J Reid, 7-2); 3, No Reservations (D Harrison, 7-2) ALSO RAN-9 Abendeen Heather. 14 Warnthridge Led, 16 No Extres, 16 Awesome Risk (5th), 20 Pondering, Calisar (4th), 25 Wickins, 50 All Promises (6th), 11 ran. NR-Tuscan Dewn, Rough Guess, Hd, hd, 8 23-1, 4 P Kesteway at Newmarkst Tote £2.30, £1.40, £1.60, £1.40, DF. £4.80 CSF, £8.22 Imin 11 53sec
2.35 [1m 114yd] 1, VANROY (S Whitworth, 7-1); 2, Berford Lad (W R Swinburn, 7-1); 3, Jimili (W Ryan, 7-2 fav) ALSO RAN 9-2 Johust, 8 Usa Dollar (4th) Brown Farry (5th), Northern Compueror Brown Fay (Sth). Northern Conquerer (Sth). ID Recton North, 16 Vasiani Words 9 ran. 194, 11, 31, 194, 294, J. Jankurs at Royston Tote 28 00, 52 10, 52 50, 51 30 DF: 128 90 CSF 528 79 Theast \$179.86 Tmm 46 28sec.

Time 46 28sec.

3.05 (55) 1. ALLTHRUTHENIGHT (J. Fred. 14-1), 2. Inherent Magic (A. Clark, 14-1), 3. Bodari (B. Rouse, 11-2). ALSO RAN. 7-2 tax Associately Nutra (4th), 4. Cradle Days (6th), 5. Walking Possésánn, 5. Wild Honour (5th), 10. Memsehb 6 ren. Sn. 19.1, 29.1, 34.1, 21. L. Hoft at 8asingstoke Tote \$15.80; £3.60, £5.90, £1.80 DF: £75.50 CSF £149.50 Tricast £1.054.03, 55.15.5ec.

11.054.03.56 15sec
3.45 HANSON CORONATION CUP
(Group I 150.282. Im 41 10yd)
SADDLERS' HALL b c Sadler's Wells Sunny Valley (Lord Wennstock) 4-9-0 W F
Swinburn (5-4 fey, Mandarin, Richard
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2.55 (5) 1, PURCHASED BY PHONE (Dean McKeown, 4-7 fav), 2. Barn Ri (P Roberson, 15-2); 3. Classic Storm (J Carroll, 9-2). ALSO RAN. 10 Costa Verde (4th), 20 Plum First (5th), 25 Native Worth, 50 Cheltenham Windows, Chard (6th) 8 ran 1/61, 11, nk, 2. 71 P Hasiam at Middleham Tota £1.60, £1.10, £1 10, £1 40 DF: £3 80. CSF. £5 58 After a stewards; enquiry. Costa Verde, who fanished first, was disqualified and placed fourth.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS £17 70. CSF. £20 49

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7.35 (5f) 1, Jervis (B Raymond, 9-2); 2, Megic Pearl (12-1), 3, Willshe Gan (6-1) Finicess Oberan (11-4 fav 7 rän Hd, 1) J Watis Tota (5-1) 0, 24 0, 15-30 DF; 219 80 CSF 265.53 After a stewards' ehquiry, result stood.
8.05 (5f) 1, Branston Abby (M Birch, 5-1); 2, Martina (100-30), 3, Auction King (16-1), Area Appeal 5-2 fav, 7 ran. 3, 3, J Wharton Tota (55.20, 23.50, £1.90 DF.

8.35 (Im 31 216yd) 1, Moor Lodge (P Robinson, 4-1); 2, Reach For Glory (13-2), 3, Phanhader (4-1) Arcic Spiendour 3-1 law, 9 ran 2961, 291 M Tompkins, Tote 5:59, 5:20, 5:240, 5:140 DF 5:23-20 CSF: 530-32 Timest £104.75 9.05 (Im 110yd) 1. Forest Dew (P Robinson, 2-5 fav). 2. Fairlord (11-4), 3, Knight Pawn (B-1) 4 ran NR Pharty Dancer 191, 23 M Tompkins Tote: £1 40 DF £1 60 CSF £2 06

CSF: £18 83
4.00 (71 100yd) 1, MAJOR MOUSE
(A Culhane, 7-1), 2, American Hero
(J Weaver, 5-1), 3, Straw Thatch (Dean
McKepwn, 5-1), ALSO RAN 11-4 favKummel Kang (4lin), 5 Veloce (5th), 9 Gant
Bleu, 10 Prepare, 25 Flashy's Son, Sly
Prospect (6th) 9 ran 34, nk, 2'sl, 2, 2'sl
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13-2), 3, Idoni (L Dettori, 14-1) ALSO
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Jagged Edge, 11 Thalawah, 12 Bilberry,
14 Person House, 14 Top Scalla,
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Bardwell, 16-1); 2, King William (J Lowe.
5-1), 3, Domain (R Price, 14-1) ALSO
RAN: 10-300 fav Sandro, 6 Sarsta Gra.,
13-2 Beldale Star. 8 Lidentra (5th),
Nipobra, 12 Topckife (4th), 14 Hauf-Root,
16 Culp. 20 Newark Antiquetair (6th), 33
Escadaro, 13 ran 1/b, 1/b, 1/b, 1/k, 8 M
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BETTING: 2-1 Rich Middes, 11-4 Sharp Prod, 7-2 Red Leader, 11-2 Bengliot, 8-1 Bede Soires, 10-1 Water Diviner, 12-1 Second Chance, 14-1 Gengleader, 16-1 others. 1991: A-TO-Z 8-5 M Hills (11-4 fav) M Bell 6 ran SECOND CHANCE 3% last of 3 to Bie Shaped in Goodwood (54, firm) graduation race. SHARP PROD 4½1 3rd of 13 to Heathfield in Newbury (54, good) auction malden. STARDUST EXPRESS around 5½1 5th of 10 to Two Moves in Front in Edinburgh (54, good) mesiden. GANGLEADER (tobald Feb 15, cost 7,400gel) by Petong, second foul of helf-sister to 51-71 juvenile. **public** should be 2.35 ALBERTA ROSE MAIDEN STAKES

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The French magician looking for a final trick



The headline in L'Equipe, the national equivocal. The picture beneath was near lifesize. Il est magique. Henri Leconte had done it again, grabbing the senses of the French public, jangling, twisting and shaking them until, at the end of a dramatic quarterfinal against Nicklas Kulti, every drop of emotion had been wrung from the crowd on the stadium court.

After the fall of five seeds in one day, the bottom half of the draw at the French Open

had been dismissed as a haven for innocents and unbelieved that Leconte could carry his wild card into the semi-finals and, in beating Michael Stich and then coming back from two sets down against Kulti, light up an event in danger of disappearing beneath the sturdy shadow of the top seed and world No. 1, Jim Courier.

Yet, here he is, aged 28 and ranked 200 in the world, in his third semi-final at Roland Garros, still serving and

Henri Leconte, France's tennis

favourite, is delighting the nation

again, Andrew Longmore reports

from Paris

more fancied exponents of the art have fallen by the wayside, still sketching the outlines of an improbable

Today, Leconte meets Petr Korda, the No. 7 seed, who is as talented and nearly as erratic as Leconte himself. "I

will just try to play my best and make the people happy." Korda said. Losing his first grand slam semi-final would be the only way he could do

After three operations on his back, which threatened his career, Leconte claims to

be a more philosophical and relaxed creature these days. He has also developed a stronger relationship with the notoriously fickle French public. Should he reach the final and should he be mauled by Courier, which is quite possible, he is guaranteed a more sympathetic hearing — after his exploits in the Davis Cup final than four years ago when he collapsed to Mats Wilander in the final. He, no longer, has anything to prove, except perhaps to Yannick Noah, the last Frenchman to win

the title, nine years ago. With due respect to Courier, whose ruthless dismissal of the opposition has earned him the nickname "the assassin" in the local press, the ideal final would pit Andre Agassi against Leconte, two showmen together. Unwisely, given that the champion will need no extra motivation to put one across his old rival again, Agassi has implied that Courier is more work-horse than thoroughbred. "I don't think he has a lot of natural ability to fall back on," he said. "He is a hard

tally. I rely a lot more on my

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Yet Agassi, the No. 11 seed, is only too aware of the importance of today's encounter, their fourth in four years at Roland Garros. Defeat by Courier in Paris last year precipitated a crisis of identity in the young Las Vegan, which has prompted a dramatic slide out of the top ten from which he is only just beginning to emerge. Another loss and Agassi's delicate psyche could suffer

Lloyd's declaration sets up fine finish

Sussex scamper home in gloom for first victory

By Jack Bailey

HOVE (final day of three): Sussex (22pts) beat Warwickshire (8) by two wickets

THERE were five lights shining on the scoreboard, which is about as dark as it gets, and only one ball remaining when Sussex scampered home with the aid of a bye and with two wickets to spare. It was an extraordinarily thrilling finish to an extraordinary match, and those of us who saw it will be pondering the twists and turns for a long time to come without reaching a logical answer.

The match rose like some pheonix from the ashes when Lloyd decided, against all previous trends, to declare and set Sussex to score 250 runs at slightly more than five an over on a good pitch. Sussex are nothing if not good Sunday afternoon sloggers, and by giving them this opportunity. Lloyd was testing their strength and tempt-

Considering the truculence that had been present throughout the morning's play, Lloyd's was a surprising decision. When it is also considered that Donald, the ter-

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (final

day of three): Kent (4pts)

drew with Worcestershire (3)

KENT appeared to have vic-

tory in their sights yesterday

when heavy rain washed out

the match just after the final

hour began. Mark Benson,

undefeated with 84, was lead-

ing the run chase in similar

fashion to when Kent beat

Sussex in their previous

On a pitch which remained

friendly. Worcestershire's

declaration was not a

straightforward equation for

Curtis. He had to give his

bowlers a chance and eventu-

ally settled on a target of 288

championship match.

suffering from a sore knee and bowled only five overs in the second; that Ostler, replacing Piper, was a novice behind the stumps, bravely though he tried; that Booth, another regular bowler, had a ricked neck; that Piper had to field with badly damaged fingers because Warwickshire had no 12th man, then the Warwickshire captain's gesture seemed worthy of Don Quixote at his best.

When Warwickshire came close to bowling out Sussex, it did to some extent justify Lloyd's decision. How he could know, though, that Neil Smith would choose this mo-

Kent hopes washed away

in two hours 40 minutes and

20 overs. It always seemed a

shade generous, and Kent

needed 98 from 18 overs.

with seven wickets in hand,

Worcestershire stumbled

badly when Ward was

dropped by Moody at second

slip in Newport's first over.

Ward, who hit Illingworth for

two sixes, went on to look in

sparkling form as he and

Benson shared a first-wicket

stand of 114 in 27 overs.

They were separated when

Ward lofted a catch to long-

off in the last over before tea.

down before Illingworth reig-

Benson and Taylor settled

when the rain came.

bowling figures of four for 101 with his little off-spinners, is still a mystery. It is also a fact that with Speight in full flood and David Smith biding his time and Small hors de combat with a strained groin, Sussex at 171 for one appeared to have set-up a position from which to coast home.

At this stage, Sussex need-ed 79 runs from just over 14 overs and appeared to have paced themselves nicely for their first championship win of the season. Once Speight went, however, after a whirlwind 38, Sussex lost their poise; and once David Smith fell to his namesake, it was anybody's match. The running out of Wells's runner in the last over guaranteed that excitement would last.

Everything that had pre-ceded the final frantic burst had led one to suppose that Warwickshire had settled fora draw. At 90 for four an hour before lunch they were by no means safe but Reeve and Neil Smith slowly but surely put them to rights. Six overs of farcical bowling brought a further 58 runs but by then it was so late in the game that it seemed certain that Lloyd

with two wickets. Stemp held

a full-blooded pull at square

leg to dismiss Taylor and

Tolley held a sweep by

Hooper at short fine leg. Ben-

son hit six fours and faced

Earlier Moody, without

being particularly aggressive,

made an entertaining hun-

dred and Seymour also

looked full of confidence as

121 balis.



Like old times: Edmonds wheels away at Trent Bridge after a long absence

Edmonds still has his doubts

By PETER BALL

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of three): Nottinghamshire up and bowling on the second (2pts) drew with Middlesex

RAIN prevented any chance of a Middlesex victory at Trent Bridge yesterday. It also ensured that the real test for Phil Edmonds was postponed until today or tomorrow, giving his creaking limbs a little longer to recover

from Wednesday's exertions. Worcestershire's second in-"I shouldn't have come out nings continued until 15 for that last session," Edminutes after lunch. monds said vesterday as he Moody reached his hunsat in the Nottinghamshire dred with 11 fours before cricket museum after a lengfalling to Llong, who took thy session of treatment. "I three wickets in two overs, his said to Mike Gatting when first successes in a first-class we first talked about me com-

ing back that it was gettir and it will get worse." day which terrified me. But If that sounds like unchar-

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

he wouldn't have it." Nobody who saw him leave the field on Wednesday could doubt the physical toll his 28 overs had taken. But Edmonds had dropped into the groove as if he had spent the last five years on the county circuit, rather than in the City. But he still has doubts.

"I wonder whether it is like golf," he reflected. "The first time I play after a long break I play well, but then if I play a second and third time the ball goes all over the place. I had a mental picture of how I bowl. and I howled quite well, but perhaps if I carry on I will

Total (8 wkts)

acteristic self-doubt, Edmonds clearly enjoyed his first day as the only county cricketer with a Rolls-Royce in the car park. And there was more than a suggestion that the taste for battle lingers. Edmonds demurred, insisting that his return was for these two games. "One can never be dogmatic," the most dogmatic cricketer of his generation said, "but I can't see more games."

But Tufnell's return seems likely to take longer than first thought. So do not discount seeing Edmonds appearing a few more times.

Second Innings

W Larkins c Bartlett b Cac D M Jones Ibw b Caddick P W G Parker not out

Extres (5 1, 5 11, w 1) .

Totai (2 wkts)

Silver lining for Wasim but not for new spinner

THE rain which made Edg-baston so unutterably dismal yesterday may have im-Akram playing in the first Test match for Pakistan, if not of Ian Salisbury making his first appearance for England. Whereas time - even an extra 24 hours — is what Wasim needs to get back into the firing line, Salisbury is more in need of warmth and blue skies.

The game will be more fun if Salisbury plays. To be able both sides - Mushtaq Ahmed is sure to play for Paki-stan — would be a rare treat. But successful selection is based more on pragmatism. sadly, it is an illusion to think that on English pitches, especially when it is wet and cold, a specialist wrist spinner is a practicable prop-

The last thing I want to do is discourage Salisbury from persevering with his difficult, challenging and fascinating craft. Without him, Susser's opponents have little to fear. When I watched him at Hove last month, I thought what an instinctive cricketer he looked. He can field as well as bowl, and he can do more than keep his end up with the bat. Given the right conditions, he would be well worth a punt for England. The fact remains, though,

that the only wrist spinners (right or left-arm) to have taken 50 Test wickets for England are D. V. P. Wright (108), A. P. Freeman (66) and R. W. V. Robins (64), alwhen there was one in most county sides, some of them very good and with prodigious powers of spin. Against the best batsmen, the lack of bounce is what they found so

frustrating in England. In his 12 Tests over here, even a Richie Benaud, a fiercely determined and uniquely successful leg spinner, had figures of two for 215 in his first four matches, and only once took five wickets in an innings. When he did so, though, at Old Trafford in 1961, it decided the Ashes.

Since the second world war, Chandrasekhar and Abdul Qadir have helped to win Test matches in England, but they, too, were

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great bowlers. So, for that matter, did Bob Holland, for Australia against England at Lord's in 1985, but that was after Craig McDermott had done the hard work.

I hope Salisbury does play in a Test match this summer but our expectations must not be too high. His is a type of bowling which Pakistanis learn to play almost as soon as they can walk. Historically, the worst players of wrist spin are to be found in South Africa. If Salisbury keeps at it he should certainly be takcomes. If he goes to India next winter, he will get plenty of bowling. When he plays in England, however, it is more likely to be, as now, through a lack of more orthodox competition.

To settle any arguments there may be, only a very small percentage of wrist spin comes into the category of back-of-the-hand bowling The right-arm bowler's leg break — Salisbury's stock ball - is bowled out of the side of the hand. It is only for the googly that the back of the band faces the batsman. and it is telling one from t'other that can so bewilder

Sometimes the wrist spinner loses the ability to bowl a leg break - and, therefore. the ability to spring a surprise - through being unable to stop the wrist turning right over. Ian Peebles (45 Test wickets) was the best never became exclusively a



Chandrasekhar: great

Durham make Tavaré pay for his optimism

By Geoffrey Wheeler

CHRIS Tavare, of Somerset, came badly unstuck yesterday when he set a fourth-innings target for Durham, for the newcomers galloped home by eight wickets at Darlington for their second champion-Wayne Larkins (92) and

Dean Jones (78), a formidable, quick-scoring partnership, dealt out heavy punishment to the fast bowlers in a stand of 175 in 113 minutes for the first wicket, which took Durham to within 38 runs of their goal of 213. Victory came with three of the 42 overs to spare.

The Durham bowlers, including leg spinner Mark Briers who took two wickets on his debut, had earlier bowled steadily to deny Tavare more room for manoeuvre, despite a fifth halfcentury in seven innings from Mark Lathwell, an opening batsman of high promise.

Hampshire's hopes of a strengthening their position at the head of the table, were dashed by stubborn Yorkshire batting at Basingstoke. When rain intervened with nine overs remaining Yorkshire were safe at 222 for seven, 91 ahead.

The rain came at the Oval when Surrey, having been set 241 by Derbyshire, were struggling at 69 for three, all the wickets falling to Dominic Cork in the space of ten balls. In addition, Darren Bicknell had retired hurt after being hit on the right elbow by Bishop, Kim Barnett had scored an unbeaten 140 to set up the declaration.



Britannic Assurance county championship Hants v Yorks

Batting

BASINGSTOKE (final day of three):
Hampahire (Tpts) draw with Yorkshire (3)
YORKSHIRE: First Innings 210 (P-J
Balkur 4 for 33)
Second Innings
S A Keflett c Aymes b Ayling 37
"A A Metcalite c Maru b Connor 38
D Byes c Udal b Bakker 4
S R Tendulker b James 34
H J Blatkey llow b James 38
C White not out 35
P Carrick c Wood b Udal 4
P J Hartley c Maru b Udal 9
D Gough not out 9
Syrtes (0 12 lb A ph 3) 23 Extras (b 12, fb 8, rb 3) Total (7 wkts) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-86, 3-95, 4-133, 5-187, 6-194, 7-194.

BOWLING: Connor 21-545-1: Bakker 21-934-1: Maru 13-5-22-0: Udal 32-15-49-2: Ayling 12-4-29-1: James 11-2-23-2; Nicholas 10-1-0. HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 351 for 9 dec (DI Gower 155, K D James 59; J D Batty 4 ires: D.J Constant and R Julian Surrey v Derbys

Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 1, nb 1) Total (1 wkt dec) . FALL OF WICKET: 1-91. BÖWLING: M P Bicknet 7-0-31-0; Benjamin 9-0-33-0; Bolling 12-4-16-1; Kandnick 8-3-18-0; D J Bicknett 9-0-86-0; Brown 8-3-0-52-0 SURREY: First immgs 253 for 9 dec (G P Second Innings

Umpires. G I Burgess and D O Oslean

Sussex v Warwicks HOVE (final day of three) Sussex (21pts beat Warwickshire (8) by two wickets

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-83, 3-65, 4-90, 5-157, 8-168.

BOWLING Jones 16-6-35-1. Pigott 12-6-17-1; North 13-3-47-1, Donelan 20-6-80-2, Lenham 2-1-5-0; Smith 2-0-14-0; Speight 3-0-30-1; Hall 1-0-14-0 SUSSEX: First Innings 315 (A P Wels 115, D M Smith 77: A A Donetd 5 for 82)
Second Inrengs
D M Smith b N M K Smith 84
J W Hall c Twiose b P A Smith 54
M P Spelight I bow b N M K Smith 67
P Moores c and b P A Smith 17
J A North c Piper b Donatid 98
A P Wells run out 98
A J Lenham b N M K Smith 39
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Umpires J H Hampshire and G Sharp 713 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-175, 2-182.
BOWLING: Mellender 5-0-27-0; Caddick 10-0-54-2; Snell 9-1-51-0; Rose 5-0-19-0; Hayhurst 5-0-24-0; Trump 6-0-260.
Umpikes H D Skd and N T Plews. **Durham v Somerset** DARLINGTON (Imal day of three): Durham (23pts) best Somersat (6) by eight A N Hayhurst c Graveney b Hughes M Lathwell b Henderson R J Harden flow b Brown C J Tavané b Briers R J Bartlett flow b Briers G D Rose flow b Hughes N D Burns not gut Total (6 wids dec)

TURBRIDGE WELLS (finel day of three Kenl (4pts) draw with Worcestershire (WORCESTERSHURE: First hnings 3 to 9 dec (T S Curtis 140 not out.) Leatherdale 91; M A Esham 4 for 78) Total (6 wkta dec) ...

PALL OF WICKETS. 1-25, 2-74, 3-94, 4-109, 5-125, 6-175 BOWLING Brown 15-3-45-1, Hughes 13-3-4-27-2: Beinbridge 9-3-15-0, Henderson 8-1-39-1, Briers 10-2-43-2, Graveney 15-7-21-0. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-155, 3-177, 4-180, 5-181, 6-207.

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

0 M R W M Davies ...
S J E Brown
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I R Bishop .
K M Curran

BOWLING: Igglesden 10-1-31-1; Penn 5-0-27-0; Hooper 18-1-42-2; Llong 22-2-70-3; Ellson 8-1-31-0. KENT: First innings 250 for 1 dec (7 R Ward 140 not out, N R Taylor 67 not out)

Extras (to 4, w 1, nb 2) BOWLING: Newport 7-0-33-0; Tolley 6-3-12-0; filingworth 16-0-53-2; Lampitt 4-0-28-0; Stemp 17-1-49-1; Moody 1-0-11-0. Umpires: J H Herris and P B Wight.

Oxford U v Lancs THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Lancashire LANCASHIRE: First Immigs 314 for 3 dec (G Fowler 108, M A Atherton 65, G D Lloyd 56 not out)

r J Stanworth tow b Gallian S D Fletcher c Lovell b Gallian . G D Lloyd c Lovell b Anderson Extras (b 1, 8b 1, nb 1)

Total (8 wids dec) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-2, 3-18, 4-36, 6-36, 6-39, 7-63, 8-98.

BOWLING: Joh 11-4-28-2; Gaillan 16-3-29.

4; Anderson 14-8-22-1; Maßk: 11-2-27-0; Macdonald 10-5-11-1.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 104 Second Innings Extres (lb 5)

Total (4 wkts) .

Other matches

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP:
March: Cambridgeshire 197-4 dec [D P
Norman 85 not out); Staffordshire 230-0
dec (D Cartiedge 120 not out, S J Dean
105 not out), Match drawn.
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI
CHAMPIONSHIP: Shireoaks: Nottinghamshire 205 (W A Desaura 88; P J
Berry 4-52) and 98-6; Durham 127 (D V
Pennett 5-32). Meltch drawn Lefoester:
Leicestershire 163 (R A Cobb 61 not out;
C Belgrave 4-22) and 80-5; Derbyshire
200 (P Whitaker 89; G J Parsons 4-45)
York: Yorkshire 306-5 dec (A P Grayson
91, 8 Parker 85); Hampathre 203-6. Match
drawn. Canterbury: Surrey 297-8 dec (JD
Robinson 136) and 47-0; Kant 302-8 dec
[M V Fleming 102, J I Longley 89, M
Baihbridge 4-70). Meltch drawn. Bristot:
Lancashire 212 (I D Austin 65; A N
Bablington 5-58, J T C Vaughan 4-28) and
303 (R C kani 77, Austin 63, P J Wilcock
61); Gloucestershire 297 (T H C Hancock
77, R J Cunffle 50 not out; N A Derbyshire
4-76) and 109-5 (Hancock 52 not out).
Match drawn. Ammanford: Essex 218
and 234-9 dec (K A Butler 58); Glamorgan
205 (D Hemp 82 out out) and S5-2 Match
drawn. Cundle School: Northamptonshire 332-6 dec (R J Warren 131 not out, R
N Dalton 59); Meddekaex 31-2. Straffordupon-Avor: Sussex 139 (A F Gles 4-37)
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125 (A R Hansford 6-39); Match drawn.

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Roxburgh had intended that the occasion of qualifying for the Scottish Football Association's hall of forms

Association's hall of fame would give the Dundee United defender a psychological bonus before the European championship. Instead, the national coach will be obliged to start recasting his plans for the Scots' important opening group two game against the Pat Nevin, too, is a doubtful

ANDY Roxburgh will proba-

starter, having sustained further damage to the ankle which was injured two weeks ago during the 1-0 win over the United States.
Although Roxburgh insisted beforehand that Wednes-

day's fixture in the Ulleval Stadium would not reveal his strategy for the contest with the Dutch, it is extremely unlikely that he can have considered omitting Malpas

ITV's deal

provides

consolation

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK

ITV yesterday won the conso-

lation prize in the battle for

television football rights, se-

curing exclusive coverage of

Football League and

Rumbelows Cup matches for

the next four seasons. The

deal, for a minimum £25 mil-

lion, comes shortly after

BSkyB and BBC outbid ITV

at £304 million for live cover-

age over the next five years of

deal", ITV also secured exclu-

sive rights to live coverage of

all Leeds United and

Manchester United matches

in Europe next season. Leeds

will play in the European Cup

and United in the Uefa Cup.

Bob Burrows, head of ITV Sport, said: "This is a tremen-

dous vote of confidence in

ITV from two of the biggest

clubs in the game. We've had

a difficult couple of weeks but

ITY Sport is still alive and

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the BBC secured exclusive

coverage of Liverpool's Euro-

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rights are not yet completed.

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from a game in which the threat of Gullit will have to be

Roxburgh on defensive in lead-up to Sweden

Scotland plagued

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FROM RODDY FORSYTH IN OSLO

contained. If one assumes that McLaren has displayed sufficient composure in his three appearances since his promotion from the under-21 team to be awarded the job of marking Van Basten, it seems reasonable to guess that Malpas would have been stationed behind Boyd in an attempt to block Gullit.

When you consider how reliable and experienced Maurice Malpas is, it would obviously be a serious blow to us if we were to lose him, but we have overcome such setbacks in the past," Roxburgh said yesterday. "In fact, the whole of this championship has been littered with this kind of thing and it is the spirit of the team which has kept us going, so if we have to do without Maurice then 1 am confident that we will be

Nevin hurt himself in innocuous circumstances on the morning of the Norway match, in which he would certainly have taken part. He will be monitored over the weekend, although it seems that his prognosis is less ominous than that of Malpas.

a ligament problem which Roxburgh described as 'slight', and he should recover by Tuesday morning.

Roxburgh insists that he is satisfied with the preparations, despite Wednesday's drab goalless draw with Norway which maintained Scotland's record of having lost only two matches since the World Cup finals of 1990. He has, though, become increasingly sensitive to what he regards as needless sniping at

'Sure, we are aware of our

limitations, but this squad has consistently overcome

problems and maintained a

very impressive enthusiasm. A lot of people just don't know what is going on in European football — Germany's draw at home with Northern Ireland this week should make them think - and I guarantee them that our traditional virtues will be seen in Sweden. especially when we have the backing of our supporters." ☐ Dave McPherson became a Rangers player for the second time yesterday when he rejoined the Ibrox club from Hearts for £1.3 million. The central defender, aged 27, was discarded by Graeme Souness in October 1987 for

Wegerle becomes an instant hero

United States Portugal.

> FROM PETER ROBINSON IN CHICAGO

THE United States glories in its genius for the big event. National pride probably demands that the country makes a resounding success of the World Cup finals in two years time, but doubts must remain. For all the good intentions, all the promises of better things to come, the American public is struggling to come to terms with the game it calls "soccer".

On Wednesday night in Chicago, the enormity of the task facing the PR people was there for all to see. Just over 10 000 curious souls trickled into Soldier Field to see the United States beat Portugal. Across the city, more than 18,000 roared the Chicago Bulls home in the first game of the national basketball finals. Soccer, world game or not, could not compete.

Somehow, by 1994, the promoters will have to find a formula that will fill stadiums such as this. More than anything, they and the public are desperate a personality to

idolise but they may just have found one in Roy Wegerle.

team's victory, scoring his first international goal with a typical flourish. The Americans took him to their hearts.

The greatest irony is that for all the doubts off the field, on it the United States appear to be doing very nicely. Under the guidance of Bora Milutinovic, their coach, they are taking a crash course in readiness for a realistic World Cup bid. The matches against the Republic, Portugal and, on Saturday, Italy, in something called the US Cup are part of a thinly disguised rehearsal for the group stages of the 1994 tournament. Milutinovic is, rightly,

pleased with the results. Portugal, convincingly beaten, suffered extra indignity with having Peixe sent off. Wegerle's goal after 35 minutes after a skip around the goalkeeper, should have been followed by more.

POLO **Ellerston**

The Blackburn Rovers forward was at the heart of his

ELLERSTON White beat Ellerston Black 13-9 in the semi-finals of the Dunhillsponsored Queen's Cup at Smith's Lawn yesterday, the first meeting this summer between Kerry Packer's high goal teams. The match was also the challenge for the Cusick Cup. Both teams have suffered casualties. Henry Brett and Pepe Heguy replaced Kerry

Packer, a broken collarbone, and Gonzalo Pieres, who is suspended. Ellerston Black's Alfonso Pieres has a pulled muscle and James Packer a dislocated shoulder. Tomas Llorente and Justin Gaunt were standing in for them. Each side was therefore represented by two English players recently

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sub. V Paneviat. Domingos (sub. J Coulo).
Referee: M Salas (Mex.) out of Pony Club and two high-handicap Argentinians. Brett, who looks very cheaply handicapped at one. opened the account with a fine gallop from the first throw-in, and Ellerston White were ahead through-

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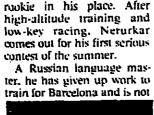
Kenyan cocktail to spur British

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

NOT everyone will agree, but it is probably no bad thing that a couple of Kenyans have been added at the last minute to the British men's 10,000 metres Olympic trial in Shelfield this evening. Kenyans make things happen in 10,000 metres races and, just because Anthony Kiprono has never run one, that does not mean he will be looking to play himself in.

Aged 19, Kiprono arrived in Britain last week and went to Birmingham on Sunday to watch some races. When a chance to run was offered. Kiprono took it and won. He will no doubt be thinking: "Why should tonight be different?"

Here's why If Richard Nerurkar and Eamonn Martin are to emerge from the trial with grand ideas for







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Barcelona, they must put the expecting any disasters this evening that could lead to his exclusion: in the extra hours that being a full-time athlete gives him, he has been topping up his Spanish.

Help from Kiprono and his fellow Kenyan, Lameck Aguta, may be needed by Britain to ensure the third team place is filled. Only three Britons, other than Martin and Nerurkar have the qualifying time of 28min 07sec: but Gary Staines, is injured. lan Hamer is going for the Olympic 5,000 metres, and Billy Dee, has only recently recovered from injury and was well beaten by Ciprono over 3,000 metres in

Birmingham. The trial is slotted into the Pearl European Relays meeting, which includes a high

spikes are allowed on each shoe and Jackson's have 22 "protrusions".

Paul Atherion, of Adidas Ek, said vesterday that the new shoe was little more than a conventional model with the spikes removed and the spikeplate surface grips repositioned.

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ing, which includes a high hurdles shuttle. Colin Jackson leads the British team while his shoe sponsor. Adidas, has itself stumbled upon a hurdle.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation has asked to see a pair of the prototype spikes that Jackson has been wearing this season, to check whether they contravene regulations. No more than 11 snikes are allowed on each CZECHOSLO PRILEAGUE Entar Season.

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aggression, which was not as strong a criticism as one later delivered by team manager. Keith Lambert. He summed

up his riders' performance as

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able to produce a fourth stage win, although Clay said he made several attempts to break away. Boogard, an amateur who has four continental classic

tion, when aching legs proved stronger than willing hearts. and only one of the original four, Stephen Spratt, finished in the main pack 26 seconds behind the stage winner, Neils Boogard (Netherlands). Fortunately for Henry, as his helpers tailed off he began to feel stronger himself and

Boogard suggested that the Banana riders missed taking

Henry holds his advantage

THE dedication of his Irish though he must have felt uncolleagues kept Conor Henry. easy when the Banana rider. the Milk Race leader, in the Brian Smith, only 53 seconds yellow jersey last night after

behind him at the start of the stage, escaped with another dangerman, Yury Sourkov (CIS). They stayed clear for ten miles before giving up. waiting to be caught by four chasers, with Henry not

among them. The new leading group of six included two Banana riders. Jon Clay and Ben

victories this season, was equal to the efforts of his challengers on the Scarborough sea front but his win did no more than raise him to 77th overall, 93 minutes in

arrears.

14 41 TOMORROW: Stage 12 (last day): Circuit of Lincoln 50 miles Start 12 noon, frush (after 20 laps of 25 miles circuit) 14 00 the stage because of a lack of

HOCKEY

German weakness exposed

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN AMSTERDAM

long period of anxiety. Robert GERMANY'S dwindling Hill, who converted two short power at the short corner was again highlighted here yesterday when they dropped their third point in the BMW tournament by sharing two goals

with Spain. So far. Germany have converted only one short corner

out of 17 and the Netherlands none in four, leaving Great Britain with the best conversion rate of two in six. The improvement in this department of play has given the British management much satisfaction, after a

corners against the Dutch on the previous day, seems to have justified his selection. even though the hosts won a thrilling match by 4-3.

In yesterday's game. Germany survived two early short corners before failing to convert three of their own, although Fischer was once unlucky when he struck a post. By the time the match ended Germany had squandered four short corner awards and Spain three. Ger-

have injury worries. Two of Meinhardt and Waldhauser. are out, leaving Becker as a lone spearhead. Spain scored first in the 31st minute through Iglesias with Stengler equalising for Germany in the 52nd minute.

many, like most teams here.

Both British teams will face severe tests today. The men play Pakisian and the women will take on Germany, who yesierday defeated South Korea 1-0

RESULT: Men: Germany 1, Spain 1 Women: Germany 1, South Korea 0

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ing Blackberry Way, his No. 2 horse, Moore, aged 28. withdrew King's Revenge with a cracked ficel. ☐ Christine Stueckelberger said yesterday she would not

be representing Switzerland the Olympic Games because her horse. Opal. had respiratory difficulties

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Tornado tandem: Ian Rhodes and Dave Williams, selected for the Olympic Tornado class, practice on The Serpentine yesterday

British squad set fair for Barcelona

By BARRY PICKTHALL

PENNY Way, Barrie Edgington and the 470 team of Paul Brotherton and Andy Hemmings head one of Britain's strongest Olympic squads for this summer's games in

Barcelona At an Olympic ball in the Hilton Hotel last night,

which raised a record

£70,000 for Britain's Olympic team, the Princess Roy-al, president of the Royal

White get

decision

By JOHN WATSON

THE BRITISH CONTENDERS Yachting Association, confirmed nine of the ten

placings for the yachting The names include the Finn sailor, Stuart

the 106 miles tenth stage

from Newcastle-upon-Tyne

to Scarborough, and still with

his slender advantage of 12

"Magnificent," was the

word Henry later used to

describe a sustained effort by

the squad at the front to keep

the pace high. For the first 40

seys of the trish led the field.

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was able to cope with a series

of attacks that kept the race

speed well above 25mph. al-

Most of them eventually

seconds intact.

Childerley — like Way. Edgington, Brotherton and Hemmings a *Times/*Minet award winner - who narrowly missed a bronze medal four years ago. Ian Rhodes and David Williams (Tornado), and Lawrie Smith, Rob Cruikshank and Ossie Stewart, Britain's soling keelboat crew, who won gold medals at the Dutch

pre-Olympic regatta at Medemblick last week. The only selection still to be decided is in the Star

CYCLING

just one point, and selection will be decided at Flensbusch, Germany, this veekend. Rod Carr, the chief Olympic coach, said yesterday that thanks to sponsorship

class, where Mike Hicks and his crewman. David

Munge, are fighting a tough

battle against David

Howlett and Phil Lawrence.

After the Dutch regatia the

two crews are separated by

from the property consultants. Richard Ellis, and the

extended training their money had provided, the British team had the potential to win five or six medals. "We are very optimistic.

These sailors are peaking at just the right time and sailing better than they have ever done in their lives."

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IN BRIEF

Krabbe case could come to London

Katrin Krabbe, the double world sprint champion, can take up civil court action only in Britain, and not in her native Germany, if the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) decides to re-impose on her a ban for a

drug offence. Jochen Kuehl, of the German sports federation, said yesterday that Krabbe could start further civil action only in London, headquarters of

Edgbaston entry

Tennis: Clare Wood, of Sussex, and Sarah Loosemore, of Cardiff, have been given wild cards into the Dow Classic women's tournament at Edgbaston next week.

the IAAF.

Taylor retires Cricket: Peter Taylor, the Australian off spinner, who took six wickets for 78 in his Test match debut against England in 1987, is retiring

from first-class cricket.

Lafond to fore Rugby union: Four tries by Jean-Mare Lafond won the match 32-21 for the Barbarians after they had trailed 21-10 at half-time against Krasny-Yar, Russia's leading

club side. in Siberia. Leoni gets up

Cycling: Endrio Leoni came from behind to beat Mario Cipollini în a close sprint in the twelfth stage of the Tour of Italy yesterday. Miguel Indurain, in the same time. retained the leader's jersey.

Reserve stars

Equestrianism: Owen Moore led the dressage after the first day of the Toyota Bramham international horse trials rid-

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Stevens joins Barnes on casualty list

Anxious Taylor waits to learn England's fate

GRAHAM Taylor faces the are watching," he said to the daunting prospect of entering the finals of the European football championship with only 18 players. Today he will learn whether Uefa, the European governing body, will show mercy and grant his request to be allowed to replace John Barnes and Gary Stevens, both of whom have been ruled out of the toumament

Barnes has already had an operation in Liverpool to repair the right Achilles tendon he ruptured here on Wednesday. A bone scan conducted on Stevens revealed that, as had been feared, he must also undergo surgery on the ankle he damaged during the game against Finland.

Taylor, who initially suggested that Andy Sinton would be the first substitute to be summoned, has since changed his mind. The Queen's Park Rangers midfield player is to be kept waiting yet again because Keith Curle, the versatile Manchester City defender, has been promoted to the top of the

His and England's fate lies in the hands of the European old complaint, it is unlikely that compassion will be therefore, that Sinton is destined not to appear in

During a live interview on television after England's 2-1 victory, Taylor indicated that Sinton's patience had appar-

player he omitted when Barnes belatedly proved his fitness, "get ready to pack your bags."

He regrets the instant and misleading judgment. He was already aware that Stevens, who had to hobble around on his damaged foot during the journey home because the only pair of crutches were being used by Barnes, might have to be withdrawn. On reflection, he prefers the defensive security offered by Curle.

A statement issued recently by Uefa's general secretary. Gerhard Aigner, raises Curle's — and England's optimism. "In the case of a player from the listed 20 who is injured after the established deadline," Aigner declared to representatives of the finalists during a seminar, "it will be placement."

Yet Aigner specified: "The team doctor is responsible for making an accurate diagnosis of the relevant player's injury and must give a prognosis of the player's fitness for the period covered by the tournament. In such cases, the player must report to a Uefa doctor with the relevant

"It is only at this stage that the national association concerned may make a request the case as force majeure. The involvement of the Uefa doctor ought to ensure that the committee will be correctly

Since Barnes is recuperating in a Liverpool hospital and Stevens is preparing to enter another in Glasgow, neither can strictly follow the letter of the law. Taylor's attitude is philosophical. "If they

turn us down, we will travel

with 18 players," he said. "Fortunately, you can only use 13, so we are okay.

The situation is there for everyone to see. One player has gone in for an operation and another faces one shortly. Stevens has made himself available for the next 24 hours and if they want to see

evidence of his stress lesion

fracture, that is fine." Each of the eight finalists has competed in a practice match since the deadline of May 31 and it was predictable that one or two squad members might sustain wounds. Yet the misfortune which has befallen England cuts across the commonlyheld belief that Taylor is a lucky manager. To lose one player was bad enough; to

lose two stretches credibility. Scotland may have lost Malpas, Germany have lost Matthäus and Yugoslavia have been eliminated before they started. One way and another, the tournament seems to be under a jinx. ☐ Faced with a worldwide

ban on sporting contacts with Yugoslavia, Red Star Belgrade, the former European champions, will have to sell their leading players in order to survive, a team official said yesterday. "The sanctions have tied a noose around our Top seeds both drop sets en route to a date in French Open women's final

Graf banishes the memories



Plenty to cheer: Graf salutes her victory after dropping the first set to love

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT. IN PARIS

STEFFI Graf cast aside a terrible reminder of the past to reach her fifth final at the French Open in the last six years and her first since Wimbledon. Twelve months ago, she had been beaten 6-0, 6-2 by Arantxa Sanchez Vicario at the same stage here and when she lost the first six games yesterday in 27 minutes she seemed to be heading for a similar embarrassing

The prospect of another de-bacle must have crossed Graf's mind, though she had been insisting all week that the memory had passed. But once she had opened her score in the first game of the second set, the spell was bro-ken and the No. 2 seed never looked back, winning 0-6, 6-2, 6-2 in an hour and threequarters. "For some reason, I year." she said.

Her opponent in the final tomorrow will be the defending champion, Monica Seles, who came back from 4-2 down in the final set to beat Gabriela Sabatini 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in just over two hours. It will be a repeat of the 1990 final. which the Yugoslav won in straight sets to take her first grand slam title. She has not lost at Roland Garros since.

Graf and Sánchez Vicario had met in the two previous tournaments, both won by Graf on her home ground. If the result was going to change, you thought it might be on neutral clay in Paris where the Spaniard has posted her only two victories over Graf in 16 matches, the first, memorably, in the 1989

Since last year, both players have made changes in personnel in an attempt to add variety to their games, Graf discarding Pavel Slozil, the coach who guided her to ten grand slam titles, in favour of Heinz Gundhardt and Sanchez Vicario hiring the Australian, Mervyn Rose. Graf is even in the process of changing to a more modern Dunlop racket, though she stayed with her tried and trusted weapon yesterday.

For the most part, she stayed with the game she knows best too, venturing to the net rarely and relying on superior fitness and her faithful forehand to get out of

trouble. Sánchez Vicario, who had mixed her game up well in the first set, also returned to a baseline patrol, working Graf's backhand and waiting for mistakes. After the first set, the only footprints near the net were those of the ballboys and so the match lacked the variety of the other semi-final. But it was not until an inch-perfect lob gave the world No. 2 a 4-2 lead in the final set that she confirmed her authority.

As ever, Sabatini tested the champion's spirit to the full. As ever, Seles was able to raise the tempo just as she did in a moment of crisis against Akiko Kijimuto in the fourth round. Twice now, the Argentinian has beaten Seles in the final of the Italian Open only to lose to her in the semi finals in Paris.

There was never more than game or two in it. Five times, a break of serve was answered immediately by a break back. Seles came to the net more often than usual to counter Sabatini's aggression and the pair danced pretty steps on the baseline, searching for an opening. But Seles is never more dangerous than nacity more than skill kept her on the road to a third French Open title. If she beats Graf, she will be the first player since Hilde Sperling in 1937 to win three successive French Open titles.

The grand slam committee yesterday lifted the threat of suspension from John McEnroe. The committee de-cided not to charge McEnroe with "aggravated behaviour" after he swore at a photographer during his first round defeat here but they confirmed the fine of \$7,500. ☐ Rain washed out all but one and a half hours of play at the Direct Line Insurance championships at Becken-

France's hero, page 32

Small clubs

Test's blank day leaves Salisbury anxious

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE rain which fell relentlessly on Edgbaston yesterday frustrated nobody more chronically than Ian Salisbury. Named in the England side for the first Test against Pakistan, he had the entire day to fret over a Test debut which could yet be cruelly

withdrawn. Play was finally abandoned shortly after tea and the 8.500 people who bought advance tickets will have their money refunded. The bad weather has thus already cost the Test and County Cricket Board - which is uninsured for single days lost -£150.000 but its potential cost to Salisbury cannot be measured in mere money.

Salisbury was told at the team meeting on Wednesday evening that he would be in the final eleven, which would have made him the first specialist leg-spin bowler to represent England for 21 years. The proviso, at always, was that unforeseen weather did not fundamentally change

Until the vast Brumbrella cover is removed, it is hoped this morning, Salisbury can only guess if the worst has happened. "I didn't sleep well last night," he admitted, "and I have a lot of nervous energy to work off."

Micky Stewart, the England manager, explained: "Every selection is subject to the weather and the players are aware of that. If the pitch has been affected we will need to have a rethink, and until we can look at it we are not releasing anyone from the

squad of 13. Neither of the alternatives to Salisbury seems very persuasive. An extra batsman, in Ramprakash, will be superfluous in a shorter game unless an immaculate pitch has suddenly developed poison. To replace Salisbury with Munton would create a hopelessly imbalanced attack of

five seam bowlers. Stewart confirmed that the original choice of Salisbury was heavily influenced by po-tential pitch conditions. "Nobody has played a game on it yet, but its preparation has been geared to giving it a pace and bounce which we have not seen in this country

"We did not have available either of our two genuinely fast bowlers and, as we were looking for the pitch to be nearer to an overseas surface. the leg spinner was an appro-

> Stewart had news of the missing fast bowlers, David Lawrence and Devon Malcolm. Lawrence's recovery from his appalling knee injury is proceeding to schedule, but Stewart said: "The last thing he wants to think about

> at the moment is bowling." Malcolm, by contrast, might like to bowl a little more. He had only seven overs in Derbyshire's match at Northampton and was left out of the one at the Oval, which finished yesterday but was not totally inactive. Stewart arranged a coaching session for him with his usual

aide, Geoff Arnold. ☐ The third Texaco Trophy match between England and Pakistan at Trent Bridge on August 20 is a sell-out. TELEVISION: BBC1 10.55-13.00 and 13.50-14.20; Live coverage, BBC2 14.20-18.35; Live coverage, Highlights on BBC2 at midnioth

Buoyant Faldo sets the pace

FROM MEL WEBB IN KILLARNEY

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THE blue-grey misty hills of MacGillicuddy's Reeks in the distance provided a backdrop a world away from Pacific rollers pounding the shores of California, but for Nick Faldo yesterday, one was the perfect

preparation for the other. Faldo, playing in his last tournament before taking on the cream of the world's golfing talent in the US Open at Pebble Beach in a couple of weeks' time, took the joint early lead in the first round of the Carrolls Irish Open with a near-flawless 66, and then spoke about his approaching engagement on the Monterey Peninsula in what sounded more like a statement of intent than a mere warning.

"Everything is slotting into More cricket, page 32 | ing a little bit more every day. When I get it right they'll all

Cards

be in big trouble." Pick the bones out of that, you guys, the big man's coming, and the town ain't big enough for

the both of you. Faldo had every reason to be in such a bouyant mood. He had just produced an impressive round which contained seven birdies - and near-misses almost beyond

His only error occurred at the 17th, a little 392-yard gem of a par four. It has a pond and a stream to catch the over-long but unthinking hitter on the downhill fairway. Add its plateau green, shaped like a fat man's leg with a steep-faced bunker in the crook of the knee, makes it a hole to be respected by the best and downright feared by

Faldo, recognising it for for safety, but then missed the green on the left with a seveniron and watched as the ball rolled down a bank. He played a marvellous little chip, then put the only blot on an otherwise impressive putting round by taking two from eight feet for a bogey

"It wasn't too clever, was it?" he said in that understated way he has of talking

about his game. He then disappointed a touch by slipping into the argot of the tournament golfer. "But otherwise I was putting really great and hitting the ball really solid."

Thanks, Nick, we know what

It was a top-of-the-bill performance, and might have been a lot better had he dropped a couple more putts that singed the hole on the inward nine. He had four birdies going out, reaching the turn with a 20-foot putt. He birdied the 10th and 11th, too, and saved another shot on the 15th before his

Barry Lane, who shared the lead with Faldo, was in even more prolific mood. He had eight birdies but had to set a couple of bogeys on the debit side. Much was expected of Lane after he won the Scottish Open in 1988, and with half-a-dozen top ten finishes this year he is back to some-

thing like his best. He might need to be to stay level with one Nicholas Alexander Faldo MBE by the end of the week.

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may not need seats

LOWER division football clubs will not be forced to have all-seat stadiums, a move which may prevent some going out of business (Philip Webster writes). The announcement by David Mellor, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, yesterday will mean that nearly all the existing third and fourth division clubs and some in the second will not have to comply with the recommendations of the Taylor Report into

the Hillsborough disaster. Although no final decisions have been reached it is understood that grounds with average attendances of below 10,000 in the existing second, third and fourth divisions will not have to have allseat grounds. The Taylor Report had recommended that third and fourth division the end of the century.

All Premier League clubs will still have to comply, even if their average attendance is below 10,000, and be all-seat by August 1994. The same applies to the majority of second division clubs.

In setting a four-week deadline, Mellor said he had invited further representations from interested organisations and would announœ his conclusions shortly afterwards.

Tom Pendry, chairman of the parliamentary all-party football committee, said: This is a victory for those connected with football who have campaigned for a more flexible and realistic approach to the Taylor recommendations, which were made at a time when many of the recent trends in improved safety and behaviour at football had yet to establish themselves."

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Killarney: The Skins Game that went wrong here on Tuesday and was roundly condemned by Nick Faldo, who played in it, brought a response yesterday from Ken Schofield, chief executive of the PGA European Tour

(Mel Webb writes).
The Skins, staged as one of the curtain-raising events to the Carrolls Irish Open, which started yesterday, was billed by the sponsors as a competition for a purse of £125,000, but was later dis-

It transpired that the four players involved, Faldo, Ian Woosnam, Bernhard Langer and Christy O'Connor Jr. were in fact playing in no more than an exhibition match, and that the money represented the promotional fund allowed by European Tour regulations, which were brought into force this year to end the payment of ap-pearance money to leading

Tour's regret to anybody who might have felt they were short-changed on Tuesday," Schofield said. "We are very happy to hold our hands up and say we got the format wrong, but I hope we might be allowed to make one mis-

"I think in the strictest sense Nick may have been right in what he said. We and Carrolls will be working to put things right for next

take in year one.

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Bon chic bon genre bon temps à Big Ben

If Nicole Salinger did not exist, France would have had to invent her — and export her to London, to show the English what they are missing

rench style, as Stephen Bayley observed this week, extends to every corner of everyday life. But how does its elegance and tradition get packaged in human form in the unmistakable femme française? The minute Nicole Salinger opens the door she personifies those things best said in French: at 47 she is chic, blonde, mince and, if you put her among men, fatale. She has a fine balcon of bosom, a timy waist and excellent legs.

But as the woman uprooted from her native Paris to London finds, Englishmen simply do not seem to notice her allure, even when she talks, at once, of l'amour.

"All my life I have been surrounded by men who try to be charming, and witty, and make you feel you are such a great lady, even if you are the ugliest thing in the world. Here you arrive and you are like a statue in the garden. Nobody pays any attention to you: you are totally ignored!"

She is wearing Chanel's L'Egoiste (for men) and a vibrant Guy Laroche frock with flouncy peplum, "very old, but you can wear it for 22 years". Mon dieu, I was glad I had put on my one and only Christian Lacroix (pret-à-porter) which my children say looks like a fly agaric mushroom, but which Mis Salini once could not be English.

She had moved into this bijou rented house in Belgravia five days before so we sat in our couture in the kitchen, where she said French women would never dream of sitting, having limitless coffee from an efficient machine (French): "My husband is crazy on coffee and

er husband is Pierre Salinger, who sprang to international fame as President Kennedy's press secretary in 1960, and is now European chief of the American Broadcasting Company. Nicole, née Beauvillain, is his

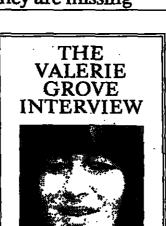
The house is cluttered with things that will give it her style: a bust of Louis Quinze wearing a jaunty straw hat; a little Rodin bronze, a Boucher or two, an 18thcentury French dining table and chairs — "But you see the lazy Susan on it is English. I am not flag, flag, flag. I love English things too." She thinks London is the most beautiful city (well, Belgravia is a particularly rarefied spot) but Mrs Salinger's job is to promote the best of French artisanat in the products of 70 companies forming the Comité Colbert, which vaunts the simple things of life: Champagne Krug: Hermes Chanel; the Ritz; Gien and Limoges porcelain: Flammarion fine books. "All very upscale products, high fashion and grand luxe and expensive, to show that in France we are still for tradition and well-done work that

takes many hours." She was born into a well-heeled cosmopolitan family. In her youth she resembled Brigine Bardot but we all did, with the long blonde hair and the big mouth. To me BB was just the daughter of my father's white-haired friend who we would see at the Opera." She failed her bachot — sat the wrong history paper — "but it was not a big problem. I was madly in love."

He was the dashing Comte de Menthon, from an old Savoyard family. "I met him at 15 and married when I was 19. I had my first child two weeks before being 20. Yes, I was a countess for about Twentry years!"

She learned Amer-English working at Time-Life and at NBC News, travelling the world and pausing to have the occasional son: Jean-Bernard, Emmanuel-Philibert and Alexandre. Then one day the count and countess took off with their young boys to sail round the world ("I always hated sailing and was attaid of the sea, but I like to sunbathe peacefully") on their racing yacht Verouschka II, built by the English craftsmen of Camper and Nicholson at Gosport.

We had been very sociable and a



bit spoilt, with a beautiful apart ment in Paris, a house in the south of France, a chalet in the mountains, and we were surrounded by people who were sort of sucking all our blood off us, and not giving us back so much.

"But when we started talking about boats and charts and seas and winds and harbours, people became very bored: so it was very good for a clean-up of our whole life. And when we came back after three years we found it was like we had been away two hours. Every-DOCTY people who were supposed to be divorcing were still divorcing. people who were having lovers were still having lovers. And they don't want to bear about your adventures after the first two and a

the VII-ème, five minutes from St Germain, and she ran her PR company with accounts like Louis Feraud, L'Oreal, and Guy Laroche.

list of three journalists he wanted to meet and one was Pierre Salinger [then Paris bureau chief of ABC]. I said: "This is totally ridiculous, he is never going to write anything about fashion or perfume.' But Guy insisted so I organised it, which was very difficult because Pierre was always away. Finally we fixed a hinch at one of the best Chinese restaurants in Paris, which has a fantastic canard lacqué. And in comes Salinger."

later he invited me to lunch and that was the beginning of the big love story. Such a big love story that a year later I left my husband and children, and went to live with him. "I still love dearly my first husband but we married when I was so young, we didn't have the chance to live together as people do now. He was my first lover and that is always a little bit hectic. I was not in love with him, that's for sure. Also in France it is an old habit of everybody having lots of love af-

fairs. So it is always complicated to handle a marriage this way." Were you faithful? "Not at all!" she cries. "I don't know anybody in France, except my former parents-in-law, who have been faithful for 60 years, I never met anybody else who was. It is kind of nice in a way. if you don't fall in love. But my first husband and I had lots of crises. I

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He is now living with another lady. Since Pierre I have never had any

kind of affair. Which I find is much

"I didn't want to get married again, to be honest, because I am-

very Catholic in my deep self, not a

good Catholic, but very Catholic. And being the fourth wife of one's

husband is very difficult. His

previous wife was also French -

Pierre is keen on French women —

and also called Nicole. I should

start a club for wives with the same

names as the previous wives. I

sometimes cope with it humourist-ically and sometimes it makes me mad, when people say, 'We have met before', and I say, 'No we

haven't. Look, I am blonde, she has

dark hair, she is much shorter, and

she looks like a little girl even though she is older than I am."

She tells the story of Mr Salin-

ger's first three marriages and four

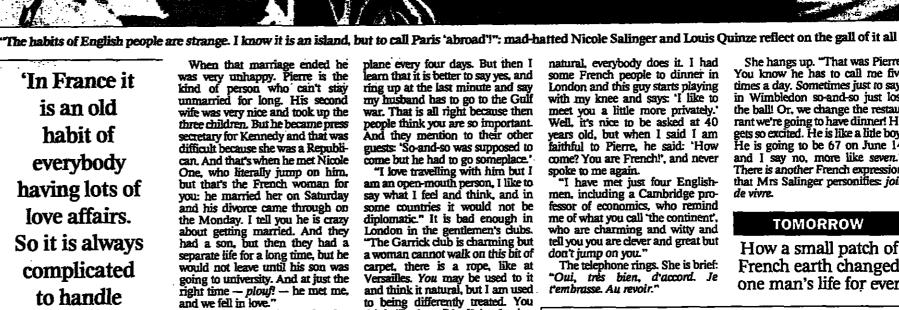
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They lived in the Rue Lascase in Then one day Guy gave me a

It was the coup de foudre (there is

no English equivalent) "Two days

Canadian, it was his first love story.



She cannot understand why. "My first husband was young, quite handsome, very wealthy. And I fell in love with an old, very usual, not very handsome - I mean fat and not very wealthy man. How I couldn't stand it if he was having did it? It means you never can tell.

It's vibration. We get on very well."
When Mr Salinger became
ABC's European chief and vicepresident in London in 1989, she
followed. "We went to a very good French fish restaurant, Le Sugnet, and had a nice dinner and much too much wine, and when we came out I said, Well, if you still want to. I am ready to marry you. And this stupid man, instead of jumping up and down, he said nothing. I had to call him back a few days later, and say what about it?" They went to Chelsea Town Hall, she in another Laroche number, and held a tiny reception at the Hurlingham Chib. "It was very small, we didn't ask anybody, just very very close friends, about 150 people."

In London she felt terribly lost. "I didn't know anything about the habits of English people which are so strange. I know it is an island. but to call Paris 'abroad'! And I ruined my first year here, because when you are invited for the weekend six months ahead. I would never say yes because I have this terrible husband who catches a



In the kitchen: but Nicole Salinger would rather eat than cook

plane every four days. But then I learn that it is better to say yes, and ring up at the last minute and say my husband has to go to the Gulf war. That is all right because then And they mention to their other guests: 'So-and-so was supposed to come but he had to go someplace.' "I love travelling with him but I

am an open-mouth person, I like to say what I feel and think, and in some countries it would not be diplomatic." It is bad enough in London in the gentlemen's clubs.

The Garrick club is charming but a woman cannot walk on this bit of carpet, there is a rope, like at Versailles. You may be used to it and think it natural, but I am used to being differently treated. You think, 'Do I smell bad? Am I going to pollute something?" I find it totally ridiculous. I realise men want their own room, but ... it means that English women have no pretension at all to being fancy,

elegant, and sophisticated. There are only about 400 women in London who go to these very chic lunches for Save the Baybee, Birthrights and all those. But most ladies at balls look as if they pull down a curtain from their window and wear it as a dress. To me it is not a dress but a curtain.

"And that is because men don't pay attention. You know that in the bed they might get excited, but it's not linked to your dress or your hair . so what do women do? You go into gardening, or riding horses, and men are in another world, like the Left and Right Bank, while you look like a pot of flowers in your chintz curtains and have a nice

rs Salinger would never drape a cur-tain over her ligne, inherited from her svelte mother. "And I take care. I don't drink strong alcohol. A little cassis from Mouton, the best cassis in the world. And I am very fanatic of the brothers Krug. A lot of people here give you supermarket champagne, which is quite nice, but I have the worst headache next morning. Quality makes the big difference.

You will see in any village in the Pyrenees or the Massif Central, the young girls look one: that is all due to Elle magazine in the 1950s: they are interested in how they look and have an eye for adding a little detail, even a plastic bangle" - she flourishes a red plastic bangle on her own wrist - "and voilà."

"But I can walk down Beauchamp Place, very chic with make-up and jewels and I am looking at men, and if I was in France they would whistle and smile, but the English just run away." She blames segregated edu-cation, which makes girls giggly and men terrified.

Mrs Salinger prefers eating and talking to cooking, and love-making to both. Of that famous French institution the cinq-a-sept. she says: "It is really just a game, so easy and

natural, everybody does it. I had some French people to dinner in London and this guy starts playing with my knee and says: 'I like to meet you a little more privately." years old, but when I said I am faithful to Pierre, he said: 'How come? You are French!', and never spoke to me again.

"I have met just four Englishmen, including a Cambridge professor of economics, who remind me of what you call 'the continent', who are charming and witty and tell you you are clever and great but don't jump on you."

The telephone rings. She is brief: "Oui, très bien, d'accord. Je t'embrasse. Au revoir."

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She hangs up. "That was Pierre. You know he has to call me five times a day. Sometimes just to say, in Wimbledon so-and-so just lost the ball! Or, we change the restaurant we're going to have dinner! He gets so excited. He is like a litle boy. He is going to be 67 on June 14 and I say no, more like seven." There is another French expression that Mrs Salinger personifies: joie

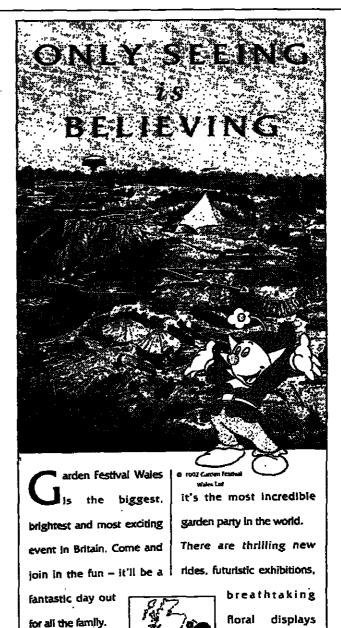
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choreographer Oscar Aracz (see review. below right). Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London FC1 (071-278 8916), eves,

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GREENWICH JAZZ FESTIVAL: Tonight sees the start of the event and the first of three hights of roots music aboard the Nancia riverboat. Grited South African jazz pamiss and saxophonist Bheki Maeleku will be stapping on deck on Sunday while processes. arrest inserted with the stepping on deck on Sunday, while tomorrow landlubbers will be able to enjoy trad, New Orleans, bop and modern jazz in pubs and venues in the centre of Greenwith Highlights include the Dirty Dozen Brass Band (Mont), Courtney Pine

☐ THE BLUE ANGEL. Kely Hunter and Philip Madoc in Trevor Num's intoxicating staging: angel of desire becomes the demon of destruction. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mms.

women pnesss and other contempor ssues in a play, some have hated, others have cheered. Albery Theatrn, 51 Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1715), Mon-Sat, 8pm mar Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 150m/ns, Final performances. ☐ BODY AND SOUL: Sex change,

THE COTTON CLUB: An impress of the Harlem rightspot high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WCZ (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mns.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Ariel Dorfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge: Geraldine James and Paul Freeman now join Michael Byrne.

Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane,
WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm,
mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

THE GHOST SONATA: Strindberg's veird vision of human greed becomes a fascinating evening of grotesquerie in this Sturdy Beggars production. New End, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022), Tues-Sun, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical celebrating Fifties and Saties pop classics. Great stuff. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401), Mon-Thux, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5,30pm and 8,30pm, 150mins.

El HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Paul Scofield and Vanessa Redgrave head Trevor Nunn's splendid cast in Shaw's treless, state-of-England drama. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2,30pm. 225mins. ☐ HENRY IV, PARTS 1/2: Adrian

Noble's triumphant, nte-of-passage production: fine acting from Julian Glover's king, Robert Stephens's Falstaff

DOUBLE X (15): Return of the bad British B movie: a dismal tale of dishonour among thieves. William Katt,

Norman Wisdom (playing straight); director, Shani S. Grewal. MGM Futham Road (071-370 2636)

MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

THE FIVE HEARTBEATS (15): Bland

reck 'n' roll group's American journey. Robert Townsend writes, directs, and stars with Michael Wright, Tico Wells. Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

◆ THE LAWNIMOWER MAN (15): Pierce Brosman's computers turn a sympleton (Jeff Fahey) into a cyber-monster New technology jamboree laid low by a muddled script; director, Brett

Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096)

Moderns: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicaster Square (0426 915683) Marble Arch (0426 914501) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

TREASURE ISLAND: Stevenson's tale deconstructed by the avant-garde Raul Rus: Mere scraps and doodles; with Martin Landau, Jean-Pierre Léaud ICA (071-930 3647)

but good-natured tale of a black

NEW RELEASES

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessm films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

rivestigates the fate of Vietnamese boat people in Malaysia. Dull adaptation of a popular Australian novel. Greta Scacchi, Joan Chen; director, Stephen Wallen. MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2635) MGM Hayasarivet (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Managese (071-434 0031) MGM MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). CURRENT

◆ BASIC INSTINCT (18): San Francisco ◆ BASIC INSTRNCT (18): San Francisco detective Michael Douglas and ice-pick murder suspect Sharon Stone ride a sordid psycho-sexual rollertoaster. Director, Paul Verhoeven. Barbicam (071-638 8891) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Chelseat (071-932 096) MGM Pariton Street (071-930 0631) MGM Trocadero (071-33 0031) Media Trocadero (071-

THE PLAYBOYS (12): Love and jealousy in an Irish village in 1957. Strong performances (Albert Finney, Robin Wright, Aidan Quinn), but too much blamey. Director, Gillies (071-250 UC3) Install Tourcaste (071-727 6705) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-26 3520) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). Mackinnon.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353). RUSH (18): Narcotics agents become addicted Forceful treatment of unpromising material from first-time director Lili Fini Zanuck, Jason Patric, GRAND CANYON (15): Lawrence
Kasdan's grandiose, uneven tapestry of
life on a knife-edge in Los Angeles,
Starring Kevnn Kløre, Steve Martin,
Danny Glover, Mary McDonnell,
MGM Shafftesburg Avenue (071-836 Jennifer 1350n Leigh. Empire (071-497 9999) McGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) McGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 61481 UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772). ◆ THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE (15): Psychotic namy (Rebecca De Mornay) wreaks revenge on a

tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm, mat. tomorrow, 4pm. WEEKEND EVENTS BEETHOVEN BROADWOOD

PORTEPIANO TOUR: Period-style planist Melvyn Tan gives the final concerts in this tour which has taken him A daily guide to arts compiled by Kari Knight to Vierna and Bonn. He will perform : Beethoven's Concerto No 4 on a newly restored Broadwood forteplano, once ownted by Beethoven, which has larguished in the Hungarian State (Tues) and Diango Bates Delightful Precipice (June 10), Greenwarch Festival (081-317 8687), languished in the Hungarian State Museum since the late 19th century. Roger Norrington and the London Classical Players also perform works by Haydri: Symphonies Nos 103 and 44, MUSIC ON A SUMMER EVENING: The season of open air concerts at Kenwood, Marble Hill and Audley End

Haussymmone. Ski Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), tomorrow, 7.4Spm. Forum, Bath (as part of the Beth International Festival: Box Office: 0225 463362), Sun, 7.30pm. MUSIC FOR LIFE: following the

MUSIC FOR LIFE: following the success of the Music for Life day two years ago, the South Bank is staging a repeat of the event on Sunday, to raise funds for Crucald, Britain's leading Aids charity. The festivities will include the British premiere of Maury Yeston's musical, Wine; Finchiey Chidnen's Music Group in two fully staged performances of Noye's Ruddle, with Wilhelmina Fernandez (of Diva tame) cast in the role of Got, Fiano Circus are to perform Reich's Six Pisaros, and The King's Consort and the Composers Ensemble will give concerts.
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collage. St Martin's Gallery, St Martin-in-the-Fields, London WC2 (071-930 0089),

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her gay son. Wyndhem's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

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Saskia Reeves a passionate heroine, Ford's tragedy of incest and revenge burns with a fierce glory. David Levea fired's

uness.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Sik Street (U71-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, Zpm. 180mins.

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Ticket information supplied by Society

☐ A SLEP OF THE TONGUE: A wolfish John Malkovich in a lightweight drams that seems to equate East-European dissidence with getting girls into bed. Shaffasbury, Shaffasbury Avenue, WCZ (071-379 5399). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 5pm and 9pm, Sat. 4.30pm and 8.30pm. 150mins. THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London ■ House full, returns only

☑ Some seats available

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begins tomorrow with a charal concert by the Wren Symphony Orchestra and Royal Choral Society at Kenwood Valenside, and runs until September 5. On June 21 Mark Emiler conducts the Royal Opera and Orchestra in Salm-Salms's Samson er Dalifa (including freworks). The cast includes the distinguished Russian tenor Vladimir Popov singing alongside fellow Russan Olga Borodina as Dalial. On August 16 English National Opera puts in an appearance with conductor Mark Elder to perform Puccini's La Boheme. A

appearance with conductor Mark El to perform Puccini's *La Boheme*. A

to perform Pulculis La Bonene. A strong lineup of soloists includes Arthur Davies, Iane Baglen, Lesiey Garrett and lonathan Summers. Kemwood Lakeside, Hampstead Heath, London NW3. Booking strough Ticketmaster: 071-413 1443 (no booking fee).

booking fee).

DEJAVU: The long-awaited sequel to tohn Osborne's Look Back in Anger begins previews in the West End following a showing at the Thorndike Theatre in Leatherhead. Peter Egan stars as Jimmy Porter under the direction of Tony Palmer.

Connectly Theatre, Parvion Street.
London SW1 (071-967 1045), previews

begins tomorrow with a choral concert

and Michael Maloney's prince. Barbican, Silk Street, SE1 (071-638 8891). Part 1; mat tomorrow, 2011. 200mins. Part 2: tonight, tomorrow, 27th. 7.30pm. 210mins.

THE MADRESS OF GEORGE ST: Migel Hawthorne is very fine as the stricten king in Alan Bennett's intriguing, sightly puzzing play, Nationed (Lyttelfon), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pn, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 170mirs.

 A MEDSUMMER MIGHT'S DREAM: lan Talbot's jolly production, full of rough and tumble and evergreen comedy, Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, 165mins.

☐ MOBY DICK: A girts' school puts on a fund-raising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmistress playing Capitain Ahab. Beached musical. Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, Sat, 4pm. 135mms. THE RECRUITING OFFICER:

L3 This Rection Inwa OFFI-CISE Micholes Hytner's good-natured production, rather too good to be true to the play's darker content. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mai tomorrow, 2pm, 165mins.

☐ REPLECTED GLORY: Albert Finney very furiny as the victim of a play by his furother. The splan affectations arrusingly mocised in Ronald Harwood's civilized comedy.

Yaudeville, The Strand, WCZ (071-320087), May 56 98 836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

squesky-clean family, Formula thriller with robust acting, Annahella Sciorra; director, Curtis Hanson. WGM: Chelsea (071-4352 5096) WGM Oxford Street (071-436 0310) MGM Trocadera (071-434 0031) Oxfords Kenslington (0426 914666) Mezzacim (0426 915683) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3330)

of West End Theatre

THE LONG DAY CLOSES (12): Terence Brood's lost paradise. With Lei McCormack, Marjorie Yates, and a wonderful aural collage of Fifties Britain. Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ THE MANBO KINGS (15): Smartly mounted but simplistic version of Osca Hijuelos's novel about Cuban musicians who arrive in New York to seek love, greed and ultimately fame, Armand Assante, Antonio Banderas, director, Amp (Girus)

Ame Glimcher. MGM Falham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Totterham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

BURRY (15): Dateny Aiello as the small-time gangster who shot Lee Harvey Oswald. A tame film compared to JRK, but good performances. Director, John Mackenzie. With Sherilyn Fenn and Marc Lawrence. Odeon West End (0426 915574). VAN GOGH (12): Maurice Palat's masterly, no-nonsense portrait of the painter's last months. Fine performanc from singer-turned-actor Jacques Dutront. With Gérard Sety and Alexandre London.
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Lumière (071–856 0691). WOLERE VOLARE (15): Bumbling sound technicion turns into a cartoon figure. Flawed but delicious fizikin comedy: Maurizio Nichetti (*The loide Thief*) go-directs and stars. Martra (071-437 0757).

CONCERT

Unlucky Luciano lets them down

Luciano Pavarotti Sheffield Arena

THE sizzling of the hickory sausages died down, the ushers' torches danced like fireflies in the expectant darkness, the rain - again and always, the rain - pounded on the roof. A tiny figure with a hanky appeared on the stage.
This was how the senses perceived

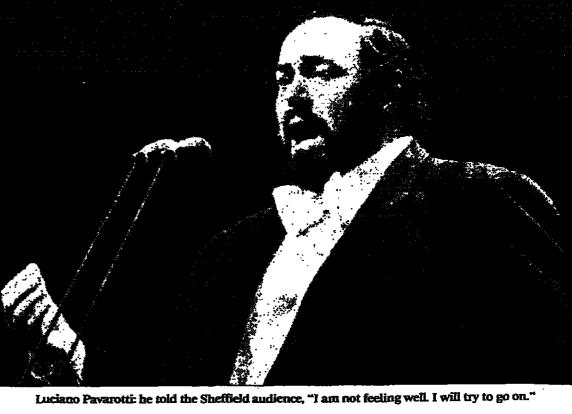
the start of the Pavarotti event from the media gallery and, I suspect, from 80 per cent of the equally far-distant 12,000 seats in the vast Sheffield Arena. The sponsors did not, for once, supply free opera glasses.

After little more than half an hour of singing (the remaining 60 minutes of the evening was filled by the interval, the Halle Orchestra under Leone Magiera, and the legendary fluteplayer Griminelli. of whom more later) it was all over. Having withdrawn from Glyndebourne's summer gala, Pavarotti had made his single appearance in Britain for the year.

The "overwhelming" workload of which he complains is at last beginning to tell. This was a more than usually "Furtiva lagrima". With whispered repetitions a mere rasping croon, even when extolling the marvels of Madagascar in Meyerbeer's "O Paradiso" from L'Africana, Pavarotti seemed a little nearer the other place.

"La mia letizia infondere". from I Lombardi, led to the Gallic refreshment of Massener's Werther, with "Pourquoi me réveiller?" acting as a reviving diabolo menthe in what was becoming disturbingly sultry Italian

After an interval equal in length to the first half, the ever-present famous white hanky came into its own. "I think



you will understand ... I am not provide respite for Pavarotti from the feeling well. I will try to go on." Buoyed up by a wave of sympathetic sighs tonight you are extra nice to me") he tested the air with Tosca's "Recondita armonia" and sang "E lucevan le stelle" with every constellation in place, and only the slightest ring round the vocal moon.

Thank goodness for Griminelli. His magic flute is always on hand to

ardours of an evening's recital. He had danced with Gluck's Blessed Spirits in the first half, and now his lip-tickling Carmen Fantasy was a tonic indeed.

Now Pavarotti mustered up an entirely credible and bittersweet chuckle as Canio in I Pagliacci's "Vesti la ejubba". Like Leoncavallo's clown, he had decided that the show must go on - but it was to be the show alone, with

not a single encore to be added to it. After an apparently effortless "Mamma" and also Bixio's "La mia canzone al vento", the lights went up, the voice really did vanish on the wind, and the coaches from Cambridge and Caernarfon, Rayleigh, Preston and Porthcawl started their long, wet journeys home.

HILARY FINCH

ROCK

Wondering through his catalogue

FIRST, some figures. In all, Stevie Wonder was in action for two and a half hours, without an interval. In that time he played about 30 tunes - a substantial total by any measure, even allowing for the odd dud, such as "Ebony and Ivory". What was even more impressive, in a way, was the number of distinguished songs left out of the show. Travelling home, I tried to count them. I gave up when I reached two dozen.

Most long-term fans would agree that Wonder has been going through a fallow period for some time now. It is, believe it or not, 20 years since he embarked on that astonishing sequence of recordings which culminated in the sprawling double album Songs in the Key of Life. The work he has produced since then has never even come close to reproducing the same degree of intensity. The recent soundtrack for the film Jungle Fever - and the preview at Wembley of a boisterous new dance tune "Woman Pleasing regain his touch. magnificent back catalogue, large

Stevie Wonder Wembley Arena

enough to keep most singers busy for two or three lifetimes. Wonder plundered it with abandon, supported by a tightly-drilled six-piece band and musicians of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Towards the end there was also a surprise appearance by Dionne Warwick, who was plucked from the audience to join in an apparently unrehearsed duet of that dreaded karaoke singalong "I Just Called To Say I Love You".

It was not just a Greatest Hits concert. With no new record to promote. Wonder was keen to dust off rarely heard material including the protest songs "Big Brother" and "Satum", and the multilingual celebration of music, "Ngiculela". All the more pity, then, that there was nothing from Music of My Mind, the 1972 album gain his touch. age as a songwriter, multi-instrumenable, life-affirming flourish. In the meantime we still have that talist and producer.

His set designers had installed him

in a mock-up of a sailboat, while two other keyboard players went about their business further back behind fairground stalls. There was no risk that Wonder would be swamped by the orchestra; most of the time the strings could scarcely be heard. That was no great loss. Wonder's voice is powerful and expressive enough not to need cushioning.

Earlier, in a heart-stopping moment, the band and the violins fell silent, and a splash of jazz piano introduced the first ballad "Too Shy To Say", which segued into the haunting "You and Seventies songs dominated the first half of the show, before Wonder introduced a brief selection of older hits, starting with "My Chene Amour". The momentum carried him through to the final segment, safely past a brief homily on the Earth Summit and a ritual bout of armwaving on "We Are The World". Two pieces from Songs In The Key of Life — "As" and "Another Star" — ensured which marked Wonder's coming of that the show ended with a remark

CLIVE DAVIS

DANCE

History comes alive

Cramer's staging is strongly supported by Dominique DeLa Fille mal gardée Sadler's Wells

louche as designer: a row of old-fashioned upright footlights across the front of the stage, and chandeliers hanging above the painted haystacks, give an 18th century quality. picturesque but practical. Delicately stylised make-up, too, evokes the

The music, arranged by Charles Farncombe from the original anonymous score, is equally attractive; very pretty and catchy with a little vaudeville sung by the dancers to point the moral halfway through Act II. The Wren Orchestra played it well with Stephen

period and enhances the apt costumes.

Lade conducting (although he was not named in the programme).

The company is new to us. Its dancers look good; lively but disciplined, with Sandrine Moreau making the heroine a touching mixture of teenage rebelliousness and innocence, besides dancing very stylishly. The dance vocabulary is an unfamiliar one, often based on social dances, but it is by no means as simple as it looks: a lot of sophistication goes into that air of spontaneity.

The men's dances, in particular, include many jumps and beaten steps, even a touch of circus tumbling at one

point. James Amar as Colas leads the revels with spirit, and gives the character enough arrogance to explain why Lison's widowed mother feels some doubts about him as a suitor. Perhaps the most interesting sur-

prise about Dauberval's Fille is how little it relies on mime to tell its story. The characters reveal themselves in their dances: even the thunderstorm in the harvest field is danced, in intriguingly incremental patterns of movement.

This is not merely a "primitive" version of a ballet that awaited Ashton's genius, two centuries later, to add richness and complexity in his new version. Dauberval's original stands equally in its own tradition, as a complete, coherent, individual and entertaining work. That man, too, was

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Stevie Wonder: prolific writer

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But the first thing you notice about this production of La Fille mal gardée.

introducing a two-week London sea-son by Le Ballet du Rhin, is its charm,

and Tuesday's audience seemed to

have no problems in enjoying its

Because fresh it certainly is; although

the production, as explained in Mon-

day's Times, is a reconstruction of the

1789 original, there is no hint of the

museum about it. History it may be,

but living history. Ivo Cramer, respon-

sible for the choreography, is a man of

the theatre as well as a scholar: some of

his ballets were brought to London

many years ago by a company called NY Norsk Ballet; others subsequently

to Edinburgh festivals by companies

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SCULPTURE

Something stirring in the forest

Sculptor Phillip King is exhibiting in

a British open-air setting for the first

time, and Richard Cork is impressed

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for retrospective in Yorkshire Sculpture Park, he must have been aware of the risks involved. Ever since he spent the first 12 years of his life in Tunis, intoxicating memories of African light on Islamic architecture have nourished his work. The English landscape remained alien to him for a long time after he moved to London, and nothing could be more remote from his childhood environment than the

Capability Brown-designed grounds at Bretton Hall. But King accepted the challenge offered. He has,

after all, never been afraid of startling the viewer. Talking about a provocative, 1962 fibreglass sculpture called Rosebua, he once made the declaraagain and again' aghast for a second, and I hope

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they'll do it again and again with my best work." Rosebud itself, an audacious pink cone sliced down the front by a slyly undulating aperture, has been confined to the Pavilion Gallery at the top of the site. So have several other pieces from the same early period. notable among them the rippling, reflecting and revolving Twilight with its extraordinary propellor-like shafts fanning out into the spectator's space. Blithe, cheeky, seductive and often brazenly exotic, King's youthful jeux d'esprit retain their

exuberance intact. At the same time, though, even the most insolent of these sculptures

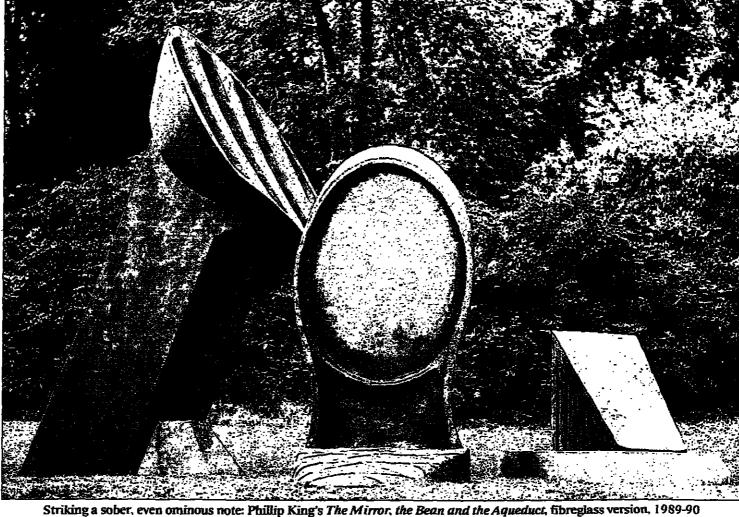
hen Phillip King was are underpinned by an imposing invited to stage a maadmired Brancusi, and perhaps that is why bravado is matched by rigour in all his finest work. Perhaps, too. this eye for bracing structural disci-pline helps the rest of his exhibits make the transition from their normal, indoor settings to the open green slopes leading from the Pavilion Gallery towards the lake.

Here King's art confronts its true testing ground. But any fears that his sculpture might prove too gaudy or ebullient for such an archetypally English locale are allayed by the first outdoor exhibit I encountered. If anything, Sculpture 75 seems more

subdued than the surrounding parkland. Made of zinc-sprayed steel, Welsh slate, wood, cord and coloured tar, this severe structure contrasts with the lushness of the fully-flowered rhododendron bushes flourishing nearby. Only

inside Sculpture 75 does King allow himself to give the projecting pools of coloured tar a Rothko-like splendour. They almost appear to be responding to the

King, however, does not always feel obliged to adopt a respectful attitude towards nature. A little further down the slope. Fire in Taurus flares up in a tangle of aggressively brilliant yellow-painted steel. Jagged, tortuous and wilfully discordant, this angry eruption is as rasping as the saw-tooth edges running round one rectangular segment of the sculpture. The vehemence may owe something to



the tragic accidental death of King's only son in the same year. If so, Fire in Taurus wrenchingly conveys the way grief can assault the bereaved with seismic ferocity. This time, the sculpture makes no attempt to honour the location.

The threat of imminent collapse shaking Fire in Taurus points to one of King's central preoccupations. However towering his work can be. the possibility of wholeness is undermined by a suspicion that something has been broken or lost. The theme appeared as early as 1965. when the pyramidal bulk of Through was assailed by King's decision to slice the form into eight segments separated by generous

amounts of empty space. In recent years, though, the obsession has taken on a more ominous note. The Mirror, the Bean and the Aqueduct is a three-part work occupying a clearing framed by banks of flowers and a bizarre, Disney-like tree-house. The setting's playfulness only emphasises the sobriety of King's forms. They look abandoned, even paralysed, and the

aqueduct in particular seems to be - that King is essentially a robust sinking. On the day of my visit, a recent downpour had left a pool of rain in the aqueduct's basin, accen-

ing has always been alert to painting, and the eerie desolation in The Mirror, the Bean and the Aqueduct surely owes a debt to de Chirico's becalmed cityscapes. Another Surrealist, Max Ernst, comes to mind when looking at Fire King No 4, a bronze-coloured wax sculpture inhabiting a large circular ironwork shelter. Completed only last year, this surprising piece shows how King has now confounded all expectations by starting to model figurative images. He has reverted to the kind of vigorously manipulated clay and plaster work with which his career began. Fire King No 4 carries the force of an apostasy, suggesting that the sculptor has renounced the abstractionist lan-

guage informing all his most celebrated achievements The rest of the exhibition proves

optimist. Further down the lawns, an enormous steel structure from the mid-1970s called Open (red blue) Bound rears from the ground. Despite the plentiful use of mesh, juxtaposed with painted plates which stir in the wind, memories of amphitheatres are roused. The final effect is far from melancholy. The deep reds and blues stress the sculpture's magisterial dignity, implying that the "ruin" possesses a

fundamental resilience. Each of King's densely considered works has a singular identity, and at the bottom of the slope Spring-aling goes off like a firecracker. Crazily convoluted, with wild arms of orange metal flying from a body twisted out of steelplate, mesh, cable and chain, it has an irresistible vivacity. King is here at his larkiest and the energy he releases in Spring-a-ling can also be found enlivening his most beefy, imposing pieces. Shogun is just such a colossus, revelling in the ability to give mighty limbs of wood and steel a balletic animation.

ment and carriage.

than Canaletto's.

Bellotto's reputation has al-ways been overshadowed by

his uncle Canaletto, under

whom he studied in Venice.

But Bellotto had his own voice

as a painter of panoramic views. Two of these are

included in the Dulwich show,

and they prove that his ap-

proach to an urban scene was

weightier and more realistic

Like his uncle, Bellotto

seems uncertain as a figure

painter. The prominent horse-

riders and peasants in the

Ujazdow weaken the painting.

In his view of the city from the

terrace of the Royal Castle, he

shows a powerful grasp of the architecture of the Baroque

Palace of the Tin Roof, the

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as a collector rather than a patron cannot be prop-

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important acquisitions, such

as Fragonard's The Stolen

Kiss and the now-disputed

Rembrandt The Polish Rider.

have passed into other

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But Dulwich has been able

the banks of the Vistula.

Nearer the lake, another treecluster brings about the most astonishing change of all. For the trunks are ranged round a monumental work called Span, whose six upright or leaning components are usually associated with broken columns. Now, in this new location, they no longer look like the abandoned supports of a long-vanished temple. Instead, they appear at one with the trees, and the raindrops streaking their dark blue sides strengthened

their air of natural inevitability. So the exhibition ends up prompting a new reading of King's work. Far from highlighting the disparity between his foreign-born flamboyance and the English landscape, the park context proves how compatible they really are. An unexpected reconciliation has occurred, between King the outsider and a country he can at last call his own without reservation. His work belongs here, and he has come home.

Phillip King: Sculpture 1960-1991 at Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Bretton Hall, West Bretton, near Wakefield, until August 30. Daily, 10am-6pm.

GALLERY CHOICE

When all about are losing theirs. Flowers East, the East End home of the Angela Flowers Gallery, has seized the opportunity offered by the recession to acquire vast new additional premises. They are immediately opposite the present gallery and comprise four gallery spaces on three floors. The first section to open is on the ground floor with a is on the ground floor, with a show of Neil Jeffries's quirky painted aluminium sculptures, while Flowers East continues with paintings by Jack Smith and prints by Prunella

Angela Flowers Gallery at London Fields, 282 Richmond Road, London E8 (081-985 3333). Tues-Sun 10amópm. Until July 26.

BP PORTRAIT AWARD 1992: Despite occasional sneers and niggling, the National Portrait Gallery's annual portrait award, now sponsored by BP, has become something of an institution. Niggling about what is and what is not a portrait is still possible, and people are often worried by the extremely safe and conventional choices for winners. But there is generally also something unexpected to enjoy. This year there are eight artists short-listed, ranging in age from 21 to 37, and a considerable variety of styles. National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Frì 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-6pm.

Sun 2-6pm. Until Sept 6. • 224TH SUMMER EXHI-BITION: Hundreds who never go to any other art exhibition turn out from Cheltenham and Worthing to see what the Royal Academy is up to and, gratifyingly often, to buy. To its credit, the Academy has been updating its image in recent years - if not always wisely — so that now there is a fair sprinkling of abstraction among the cosy post-Impres-sionists. But the summer show still remains a major stamping ground for English eccentrici-

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ty, and long may it continue to

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RUSSELL TAYLOR

TELEVISION REVIEW

part from the impenetrability of the Govan, Clasgow accents, given the operatic level of violence and caricature on which Rab C. Nesbitt (BBC 2 last night) is pitched, subtitles would be helpful to English-speakers. Rab and his pal Jamesie (Gregor Fisher and Tony Roper) may be cartoon-strip characters, but they engage in dialogue more complicated than the verbal equivalent of "Zap!". "Pow!" and "Huh?". and most viewers will be still tangling with the diphthongs of that preliminary to most conversations, "Si yiewe" ["See you" or perhaps "Now look here, my good man"), when the pair have already moved on several frames to their next encounter with uninendly fate.

for the indigent Rab. Jamesie, Rab's wife Mary (Elaine C. Smithi, their mismatched offspring (Eric Cullen and Andrew Fairlie) and Jamesie's wife Ella (Barbara Rafferty). So gloomy are their prospects that they might be part of EastEnders or Brookside. In the latest chapter of accidents. Rah is out exercising his "pitbull canary" on a lead when he encounters two acquaintances urinating in a telephone box.

They accuse him of normality, a charge he rejects with the boast that he has had several electric shock treatments and was demented before they were old enough to abuse themselves. He is forced to admit, however, that there is another local celebrity even more dangerously disturbed than he the cannibalistic McGum.

Roeves, sporting a glass eye and a Hannibal Lecter-style mask), is seen in court, where the judge (lain Cuthbertson) is intimidated into fining rather than imprisoning him on serious assault charges, and releases him with time to pay. McGurn rides out of court on a motorbike, carrying a sword and looking for the man (Jamesie) who has been

Life is unquestionably hard

get no more substantial than Rab's string-vest. Ian Pattison writes the show, an offshoot of Naked Video, in which Rab was originally the subject of two-minute sketches, a format in the monstrous family histoof children's tea-time serial plots merely emphasises the one-dimensional nature of the beast, at the further expense of diluting the power of the social

By far the best moments are Rab's monologues to camera and (often unrepeatable) asides. Perhaps Pattison should put the excellent Fisher into a solo show of different characters from Naked Video (the hard-pressed Hebridean local television presenter is another worth expanding) and sell the dependant characters to Brookside or East-Enders, where they would find themselves among friends.

TONY PATRICK

Alien life forms walking daughter. When Rab and Jamesie

return home from the offlicence to discover that McGurn and his son have wrecked the family home, they are stung into a confrontation with the enemy, but Jamesie runs off when he realises that his dalliance has been discovered. McGurn kidnaps him and holds him hostage on top of a tower-block, making impossible demands. As an acknowledged madman, Rab is called in to negotiate a peaceful settlement, but McGurn triumphantly proves his preeminence as a psychopath by leaping from the roof to his death (killing policemen and social workers in the process). having ensured that his son will exploit the story of his life via newspaper stories and a mini-series. Rab's main regret is that he had left his prized killer canary in the care of one of the social workers at the foot of the tower block. All this good, tasteless fun is

obviously produced on a budthat suited him better. To fill and send him out on ventures with sick versions

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Fragments of a royal dream at the Academy of Fine Arts, a salary of 100 ducats, an apart-

a perverse twist of history, Poland's nat-Distory, rotates and ional tragedy became Britain's cultural gain. Over 200 years ago, the Polish king Stanislaus Augustus asked two agents based in London to assemble a picture collection fit for Warsaw's proposed national gallery. So the painter Francis Bourgeois and the art dealer Noel Desenfans set about acquiring a large and distinguished array of paintings by, among others, Rem-brandt, Watteau, Poussin, Murillo and Tiepolo.

But the canvases never reached their intended destination. Russia and Prussia, who had always contested Stanislaus's attempts to strengthen his country's political position, joined forces with Austria and brought about the first partition of Poland. Then, after further struggles for independence, a national uprising was crushed. In 1795 Poland suffered its third partition, and Stanislaus was obliged to abdi-cate. Invited to St Petersburg by the son of his former lover. Catherine the Great, he died there three years later. and So Bourgeois

Desentans found themselves left with the stillborn royal collection in London, abandoned and unpaid for. Rather than dispersing the unwanted paintings, they sold a few and bequeathed the rest in 1811 to Dulwich College. There they have remained, displayed in a superb gallery designed for them by Sir John Soane. The Dulwich collection's

Polish origins are often forgotten. But the fact remains that Stanislaus wanted the pictures to hang in Warsaw's Royal Castle, and 30 of the choicest canvases have just been sent there for a special loan exhibition. In return, the Castle has organised and dispatched to Dulwich a remarkable show celebrating Stanislaus's voracious cultural activities, including some of the paintings he did manage to acquire in Warsaw before his final humiliation. Although his collection's

subsequent dispersal makes it difficult to assess, a royal inventory of 1795 lists a staggering 2,289 paintings not to mention several hundred pastels, miniatures and gouaches. Desenfans was only one among many agents who bought on his behalf. Periods of study in Paris, London and St Petersburg

had left Stanislaus with a

highly developed enthusiasm

for the culture of the Enlight-

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for the Polish king Stanislaus Augustus



1757. by Marcello Bacciarelli. Wilanow Museum

transformation of Poland, reforming the entire educational system, abolishing feudal re-straints and seeing himself as the agent of Divine Provi-dence. He cast himself in the role of a second Sun King, and the success of his policies led the emergent generation of Poles to rebel against the dominance of neighbouring powers.

The desire for autonomy eventually led to disaster, but not before Stanislaus had proved himself a remarkable patron of the arts. He had a talent for intimate friendships with his favoured artists. The court painter Marcello Bacciarelli was showered with lavish privileges, including ample estates. In return. Stanislaus expected him to deal speedily with a prodigious range of commissions. Instead of wilting under the

regai demands. Bacciarelli thrived. His flambovant fulllength portrait of Stanislaus dominates the Dulwich exhibition's first room, defining the dynamism as well as the ostentation of a king brazenly brandishing his coronation dress. Stanislaus stares out at

us with all the smiling confidence of a man flushed with new-found monarchial power. In the end, though, Bacciarelli's ability as a painter did not justify Stanislaus's enthusiasm for his work. The king

Bernardo Bellotto, who had intended to stay in Warsaw for only a few months en route to Russia in 1767, found himself appointed Stanislaus's court painter the following year. He stayed until his death in 1780. nourished by a professorship

portraiture.

Dutch paintings, among them a consummate Gerard ter Borch panel of An Officer Writing a Letter. Although his paintings are usually very modest in size, their quality outstrips their dimensions. He invests this routine military proved a surer judge of quality in landscape painting than in activity with an unexpected significance, hinting at a mel-ancholy in the officer's downturned face as he dictates to a subordinate. For all their finery, both figures seem over-

> the darkness around them. Treasures of a Polish King, a the Dulwich Picture Gallery (081-093 5254) until July 26

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how well the voice is already integrated, from the lightest, highest half-voice to the true depth of bass tone needed for the procession of rhyming dactyls of "In der Ferne" and the weight of the world's sorrow in "Der Atlas". They also display the maturity of Terfel's response to their particular mood and spirit. What he uncovers is the unique quality of serene, continuous movement which pulses through them, as effortlessly as the rippling of water or the movement of the air currents they describe. This he achieves through

phrasing as artful as it is apparently instinctive, and by a smooth legato and covering of tone for the indoor, inward moments. Throughout the recording, Terfel's pianist, Malcolm Martineau, makes his own powerful contribution to the subtlety of movement within and between songs.

The six great Heine songs achieve their distinction through the way in which their strength is contained, and through the quality of wide distances found within the

voice. The eventual unfurling into the calm of "Die Taubenpost" has an appropriate gentle inevitability.

Brigitte Fassbaender, signif-icantly, places the "Pigeon Post" song first in her Schwanengesang (DG 429 766-2), as if to clear the way for the serious business. And her performance of it epitomises the difference between the two recordings. This "Tauben-post" is wayward in its energies, as Fassbaender anticipates a note here, glances up to an interval there, bounces off

the end of a phrase.
From "Liebesbotschaft" on, her swansongs are altogether more nervous, more highly strung. Aribert Reimann maintains a supportively high profile at the piano.

Fassbaender rarely trusts to quietness or undertone, and this is a pity. She makes up. though, for this slight shortfall in wonder by a formidable group of Heine songs. There is a new and chilling terror in hearing "Der Doppelganger" in the register and timbre of the female voice. With the wide, bold strokes and colour juxtapositions of an Expressionist canvas. Fassbaender creates a Schubertian apotheosis which few Lieder collectors will wish to be without.

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For seven days in May it had been officially la Semaine de la langue française French Language).

a spontaneous collective celebration of their native tongue. There were posters and flysheets carrying this imperative message: "Le français. parlons-en!". Around the country, spelling championships were being fought out. There was even a prize for the best love letter. Catherine Tasca, Ministre de la Francophonie (the Minister for Francophonia - ie. for French-speaking, or French-speak-ing peoples), had appeared on television and radio to exalt l'amour de

On a Sunday night I was sitting outside the Café du Louvre in the Ier arrondissement. As midnight approached I pointed out to the garçon that it was nearly the end of the Semaine de la langue française. "C'est triste, ça," he said dolefully. "What are we supposed to speak next

The answer to that question is not self-evident. There is a theory in France that future French children will look back on the age of the Francophones with the same incredulity and astonishment that they now reserve for dinosaurs. The apocalyptic school of thought which maintains that French is on the verge of extinction, swamped by an influx of Hollywoodisms, pop lyrics, and Silicon valley-speak, has led to the emergence of such patriotic pressure groups as la Société pour la défense de la langue française. But it also reflects a widespread popular pessi-

Strict Anglophones need not gath er for the funeral just yet. This 1000year-old language is still alive and kicking, not just in France but in 47 countries and communities around the world. Probably the nearest equivalent Britain has to la Francophonie - in the multinational political form consecrated by M Mitterrand in 1986 - is the Commonwealth. But while our institution explicitly bases its appeal on material things (wealth), its French counterpart assumes the pre-eminence of

The Académie Française, founded by Cardinal Richelieu in the 17th century to defend and define le bon usage, is the traditional guardian of the French language. Bertrand Poirot-Delpech, a novelist and for many years chef of the literary pages of Le Monde, is one of its 40 distinguished members. Beneath the cupole of the Palais Mazarin on the Quai Voltaire, he showed me around the hallowed chamber where the Académiciens meet on Thursday afternoons to debate and vote on words and definitions to go into the

Dictionnaire de l'Académie. The eighth edition of the Dictionnaire came out in 1936. The ninth is in preparation but they're only up to "E". There was a rumour that the word cul (arse) has already been expunged on the grounds of vulgarity. Somehow I couldn't bring about cul, but a glance at one of the fascicules containing work in progress reassured me on this point. I did ask him whether the Academie officially admitted into the French

In the Ministry of Purity



the now commonplace but criticised English sense, rather than in the traditional sense of "to accomplish". 'R", he said, "is for the next century,

M Poirot-Delpech, born in 1929, was until recently the youngest Académicien and linguistically is a pragmatic reformist. He backed recent proposed changes in orthography but backtracked in the face of a public outery on behalf of endangered circumflexes and traitsd'union. "For so long we have been denounced as reactionaries. Now we are denounced as adventurers." He believes the *Dictionnaire* should be ready not just to welcome certain new actively looking for them and making them up where they cannot be found. Some 30 new words will be

1993 edition of the Petit Larousse Illustré makes its appearance. I went to see Claude Kannas, the editorial director at the Larousse offices in the Rue du Montparnasse, in the hope of getting a sneak preview. But the nouveaux mots are guarded as jealously as the crown jewels, sealed in an envelope which is not to be opened. until August — and then only by selected members of the press. It was only the unscheduled intrusion of one of her colleagues, tearing her hair out over a definition, that enabled me to scoop the entire French press corps: I can reveal that

(anglicism for hieroglyphic graffito). go about recording the slang of the banlieue (suburbs), but only considers neologisms for inclusion when

one of the words of the year is tag

form, and only then if she feels they have any kind of long-term future. She has a folder full of rejects, the words that never made it (e.g.

Mme Kannas is not just a linguistic mid-wife bringing lexical babes into the world, she is also a reluctant executioner. She called up the file on her computer marked "VX" (vieux) which listed all the words that were potentially up for the chop. She loved these words and didn't like to see them die. Some, seemingly terminal cases, would make a miraculous recovery - for example, désamour, formerly "the end of an affair", now "disenchantment". Even *obsolete* had, thanks to the Larousse something of a comeback.

Seeing the word amant (lover) flash up on the screen marked "vx" they have seeped into the written gave me a sudden frisson. "Are there

no more amants in France?" I gasped. Mime Kannas explained that it was the definition that was outmoded, not the word or the thing itself. In ed, not the word or the thing itself. In the age of Cyrano de Bergerac and the great platonic relationships, she said, she might have taken me home and safely introduced me to her husband as her amant. She regretted this was no longer possible.

If the treasures of the 1993 Larousse were largely beyond reach. there was at least one dictionary available in Paris which specialized in nothing but new words. This was also known as the Dictionnaire des the new French words invented to stem the tide of unreconstructed anglicismes flooding into the country from show-business, sports and

ome notable successes have been in the realm of computwas replaced by logicial and "hardware" by matériel (terms dreamt up one Thursday afternoon at the Académie). "Computer" is now never heard in France, only rdinateur, although the anachronistic form "PC" lingers on. Laws have been passed making the use of such francophone terms compulsory by civil servants. Nobody has yet been arrested for saying "un one-man-show". But perhaps that wouldn't be such a bad thing, especially in the case of the aborninable pin's (the nongenitival apostrophe s in both singu-iar and plurall, meaning "badge", which can now be mercifully replaced

During the current French Open (one of the four Grand Chelem events) at Roland Garros you will hear the arbitres saying not "tie-break", but "jeu décisif" and the netjudge crying out "filet" instead of "let". You won't be able to watch "tennismen" playing, but only ioueurs de tennis, who will not have sponsors" but rather parrains.

Such innovations are the fruit of some 25 government-appointed agencies, operating in various spheres and overseen by the Délégation générale à la langue française. The Délégué général and head of the Service de terminologie is Bernard Cerquiglini, a young professor from the Sorbonne. He describes his work as "facing up to the challenge of modernity", and sees as part of a great tradition, stretching back to the Renaissance and beyond, of borrowing and shaping words to fill the holes opened up by the expansion of knowledge. "My dream", he told me, "is a transnational commission, embracing all the Romance countries", which would single-handedly create new words appropriate not just to France, but - mutatis mutandis Spain, Italy, and Portugal, too.

M Cerquiglini so won me over that now feel that mere réaction is not enough - they should be running ahead of fashion and coming up with the francophone terms first. And why wait for showbusiness or sport to throw up the phenomena. La Commission des mots pour les choses qui n'existent pas would shape the future by inventing words for things we be discovered in the real world. It already has at least three blockbusters to its credit: liberté, égalité.

Properties of the week



WHAT YOU CAN GET FROM

£5,000 TO £10,000

F or just E5,000 (including agency and legal fees), you can buy this substantial stone farmhouse (below), a few miles from the old town of Baraqueville in the Aveyron, a sparsely populated mountainous department on the edge of the southwest, between the Lot and the Tarn. The nearest international airport is Toulouse, about two hours' drive away.

Built in honey-coloured stone under a terracotta tiled roof, the 100-year-old property is connected to mains water and electricity, but needs total renovation (at least another £20,000 spent on repairs to make it habitable). It comprises a main house with eight rooms, a large attached barn, and a small garden.
The agent for the United Kingdom is Rey French Properties.
44 Rectory Lane, King's Langley, Hertfordshire (telephone 0923)



With £10,000 to spend in southern Brittany, you can afford to buy this little stone-built house (below), situated in a peaceful hamlet, near the old market town of la Gacilly, half an hour from the sea. The city of Vannes and the white Atlantic swept beaches of la Baule are 30 minutes' drive away, and the ferry port at St Malo can be reached in an hour and a half.

The old house is structurally sound, with a good roof, mains water and electricity, but needs modernisation, including a new kitchen and bath. There are two rooms on the ground floor, with exposed beams and a large open stone fireplace. A staircase leads to a large attic with wooden floors, which could easily be converted to provide another two rooms.

The price includes a small barn, used as a garage, and quarter of an acre of garden with apple trees. The UK agent is Brittany Property Services, 82 High Street, Tenterden. Kent (05806



Turther north and east, in the gently rolling countryside of the agency fees) will pay for this run-down fermette (farm contage. below), in a tranquil rural setting, not far from the old market town of Lassay-les-Châteaux. The coast at Mont St Michel is about an hour's drive and the Normandy port of Caen can be reached in 90 minutes.

The old farm dwelling, with a large attached outhouse and garage, is in good structural condition, but needs a fair amount of renovation and improvement, including the installation of a septic tank and connection to mains water.

It has two rooms on the ground floor (not including the adjoining outhouse, which could be incorporated into the house). a wc, and a large convertible artic. There is a small garden at the front and a secluded garden at the side and rear, with fruit trees. The UK agent is Normandy and Brittany Cottages, 62 Chesson Road, London W14 (071-381 4433).

CHERYL TAYLOR



Lean and elegant thoroughbreds will strut their stuff on Sunday - and the French Derby horses will be just as fine

his Sunday is Derby day at Chantilly and, while the English flock to Epsom for a few pints and a day off work, the French regard their Prix du Jockey-Club and June 14's Prix de Diane — the equivalent of the Derby and the Oaks - as a celebration of something far more important.

Christian de Lagarde, the chief executive of the Chantilly racecourse - or Hippodrome as it is known - has even burst into verse to describe this time of year. "Each spring nature awakes, / But at Chantilly the pleasure of the awakening is "Everyone wants to emerge

from winter time," he says. "It is the same for nature as for the fillies, the colts, the women and the men. This day would not be the same if it was in

For I I months of the year. Chantilly is dedicated to the production, training and general well-being of the thoroughbred. There are 3.000 horses in training at 100

Chantilly race, a pretty face

different yards in Chantilly and its environs — Gouvieux, Lamorlaye, Coye-la-Fôret and Avilly-St-Leonard. The gallops stretch for miles along lush turf and the money from the pockets of 750 owners funds a workforce of 2,000 as well as a host of dreams. Although one or two down Newmarket way might beg to differ, these are acknowledged to be the best training facilities in the world. the home of the great French trainers - Francois Boutin. Criquette and Alex Head, André Fabre.

But, for the next two Sundays. Chantilly opens its doors and welcomes the outside world. An exclusive outside world, of course, made up of the rich, the famous and the well-bred — or, failing any of those three, anybody with the confidence to pretend. These are the days Newmarket meets Royal Ascot and, more often



which means drinking Italian

wine, importing a performing horse troupe called the Carabi-

nieri and welcoming the Ital-

Deneuve, the actress and

French institution, will preside

Hats off to Chantilly: two race-goers compare biossoms than not, at least for the Prix de Diane, Royal Ascot wins handsomely. On Prix Diane day, the racing itself is an also-

Each year, there is a different theme to the Prix de Diane day. This time. it is Italian.

Then, at various times during the afternoon, a few animals, cled, will earn or cost their owners enormous sums by winning or losing races.

For the professional, trying to earn an honest centime in the midst of the jollity. life at

Chantilly can be tiring. Criquette Head, the daughter of the great Alex and herself one of France's leading trainers, who won the English 1,000 Guineas with Hatoof last month, appreciates that the day is about more than racing - "Every woman likes an excuse to have a new outfit" - but, equally, knows that this is the climax of a year's hard work. A win at Chantilly adds thousands to the breeding value of thoroughbreds.

over a charity hunch for 1,300.

The one dilemma for the socialites this Sunday is where to go to be seen. Do they venture to Chantilly for the French Derby — which M de Lagarde says, "less social and more professional" than the French Oaks a week later - or do they stay closer to home and take in the men's final at the French Open tennis championships in the Stade Roland Garros? Chantilly has anticipated the problem by installing television screens so that the smart ones can be seen to he seen in two places at the same time. Or, in the words of the poet, "Nul ne peut resister a l'appel du meeting Chantilly", which roughly translated means: "You can't afford to miss it."

LONGMORE Chantilly racecourse is 50km north of Paris, and can be reached either on Autoroute A I . taking the exits for Survilliers or Senlis. or through the Porte de la Chapelle and then north on RN 16. Trains from Gare du Nord, Entrance FF1 45, which allows you into the grandstand and around the paddock. Refreshments range from sandwich bars to a resta

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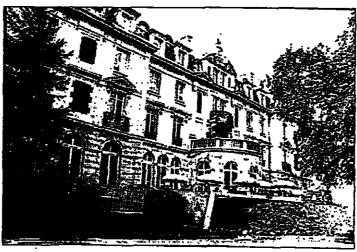
To take advantage of this offer you will need to collect ten different tokens from those printed in both The Times and The Sunday Times

until Saturday June 13. The offer is available at participating Mercure and Altea hotels from June 20, through July and August and up to September 7. The discount is available for any day of the week although on some days the reduction available will be 25 per cent. Details of all the hotels. with a brief description of the

facilities they offer and their room rates can be found in the four-page feature which appeared in last Tuesday's Times, together with details of how to book, terms, conditions and an application form. Further details will appear in The Sunday Times and in The Times throughout the next eight

ercure and Altea hotels are truly international. with some 200 hotels in nine European countries. Each hotel is distinct and reflects the character of the region as well as providing an ideal base for exploration. For example, the Mercure hotel at Besancon, the main town of Franch-Comie, is the perfect centre for a trip through the wooded hills and valleys of the

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HOW TO BOOK

ou may select as many hotels for as many nights as you wish as long as your stay is before September 7, 1992.

Applications must be accompanied by ten different tokens from The Times or The Sunday Times. A token has already appeared in The Sunday Times on May 31 and one will appear this Sunday. Tokens will appear in The Times daily until June 13, when another application form will be published. Complete all sections of the form, indicating where possible a second choice of hotel in case your first hotel is unavailable on the dates requested. Your application must be sent by post to the central reservation office at the address shown, who will process your application, and if all

your selections are available confirmation will be sent to you. Should any of your selections be unavailable, your second choice will be checked. If still unavailable, the reservation centre will advise you and offer the best alternatives. Special telephone lines will be open for any queries at the reservation centre from June 10, which is the earliest day for booking, and

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. I sit at my desk writing

this article, I am missing

yet another lecture. I am

truly trapped inside my

The common conception of ecze-

ma is something seen on a young

child: a little sore, dry skin behind a

knee, or in the crook of an elbow, It

is not at all uncommon in children,

but has usually disappeared by adulthood. This child is now 21,

and the eczema shows no signs of

In my case, the eczema is atopic

(also known as infantile), and is

caused by periodic activation of a

staphylococcus aureus bacteria.

Other forms of eczema are contact

eczema, one of the most common

forms among adults: seborrhoeic

eczema, found among babies and

adults, affecting the hairier parts of

the body; pompholyx eczema, blis-

tering found on the palms and

soles, light-sensitive eczema, caused

or exacerbated by exposure to light.

but fairly rare: discoid, and varicose

eczemas, affecting middle-aged and elderly people. Discoid eczema

forms disc-shaped patches, whereas

varicose eczema is connected to

varicose veins, ulcers and slow

blood flow, and is found on the

The most important thing to

press upon those with no know-

edge of eczema is that it is not

contagious, nor is it anything to do with being unclean. Nothing is

more hurtful than the insinuation

that it is Skin complaints excite

horror, they have a sort of stigma.

eczema is the redness of my skin.

When it is particularly bad, or

when I have just attacked a

stubborn itch, my skin can become

crimson, never mind the cracking

and possible bleeding. This can

occur on my face, although merci-

fully this is the area of me on which

the eczema is least prevalent. Many

sufferers of severe eczema are not so

lucky, but even in my case people

make comments. Only yesterday, 1

was asked in all innocence whether

Many people will find it strange

that a little dry skin can keep me

away from university, unable to

dress and to go out, and moody at

times. If it was just "a little dry

skin", this would indeed be odd,

but I suffer from severe eczema,

and find myself incapacitated for

lengthy stretches at diminishing in-

most people are familiar is the itch.

This itch has been described in a

number of ways by sufferers, but

nothing can explain it adequately. It is insistent, there is no chance of

ignoring it, and the average eczema

sufferer inwardly screams when,

out of the best motives, someone

tries to stop them scratching. No

The feature of eczema with which

I had been on a sunbed.

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disappearing.

skin: I suffer from eczema.

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Agony is more than skin-deep

Heather Lindsay has suffered from severe

eczema since childhood. She explains

how she has learnt to live with the misery

skin hurt

never seems fully to be understood that not scratching is no good: an unscratched itch will reappear once the sufferer is asleep (assuming they are lucky enough to sleep), and will be stronger. When asleep, the sufferer can do great damage. Many is the morning I have woken up to wonder how I got that dreadful scratch down my face or

Eczema sufferers don't just stop at using their nails: it may be necessary to take a brush or a comb to a particularly bad inch. It is not only uncomfortable, but embarrassing. I have given up white clothes as I'm fed up with blood stains, but dark clothes show the shed skin more clearly, so I can't win. I get very bad

itches in the middle of my back, and years of unconsciously going right for the itch — often I don't even realise that I am scratching - have made it very easy for me to twist round to attack every inch of my back. Imagine that at a job interview, or in a restaurant. Embarking

on an long explanation often just makes the situation worse. I wriggle for as long as I can, and then, if possible, I excuse myself and abandon myself to the pure bliss of scratching that itch in the ladies. Although the aftereffects of scratching, the possible infection or the bruising, can be painful, the actual moment of killing that itch is sublime.

Of course, all this makes the skin sore. It is not just the itching, it is the dryness, which makes the skin split and crack. For the most part this is why I have to take time off university. I suffer from very itchy, dry shoulders and back, so wearing a bra is out of the question a lot of the time. If my thigh or knee joints are cracked and sore, I have nightmares about underwear and

Apart from the discomfort of dothing, the cracking and splitting also make movement anything from mildly uncomfortable, but bearable, to screaming agony. When this is the case, it is impossible to make the journey into university in central London, and then sit quietly and concentrate for an hour or more while taking notes. The stress this causes makes the eczema worse. Even the simple

stairs, and bending my arms to take things out of my bag can be a trial. When my skin is bad, if I need to

look neat and smart for something, I have problems. Generally, I just put up with the unpleasant rightness of underwear, a skirt with a waistband under which I sweat, and stockings under which I itch, when all I want to be in is the loosest, coolest clothing. I, and most eczema sufferers, have to wear cotton next to the skin, but I need all my dothes to be cotton as apart from the irritation factor of polyester, pylon and other man-made fibres, I find I get too hot in anything else. Wool contains the natural fat lanolin, which is a common allergen and in my case

acts like acid. When I dress, I have to 'I used to make sure i can strip down to a thin T-shirt or shirt if I think that get very warm. My heat regulation has everyone's gone haywire, so I am cold when others are hot, and i flush with, and radiate, heat when when they other people are cold. My sweat glands have been perspired' affected by the level of damage to which

my skin has been subjected over 21 years of scratching and strong creams, so now I sweat at the slightest provocation, even in December, and I want to claw all my clothes off. Nights are another problem. I go

through phases of dreading the night from about half-past nine onwards, as during the bad times I can lie awake all night, maybe catching a couple of hours' sleep around five or six o'clock. Sometimes I lie awake because my skin is so irritated that it doesn't let me relax long enough to sleep, sometimes it's that I'm so hot that I can't relax. Eczema sufferers should really use man-made duvet fillings, but find this makes me sweat more, and so I have a feather-filled duvet, as I don't have a specific feather allergy. A sheet only would be the best covering, but then I freeze except on the warmest of nights. Antihistamine doesn't work, unless it's in a frighteningly huge dose, and I'm reluctant to get on to the sleeping pill cycle. I have tried a herbal, non-addictive relaxant and sleep-inducer, which at this early stage appears to be working.

I am extremely lucky in having friends who have known me long

and to accept it when it prevents me from joining in whatever the fun is. My family is prepared to squeeze every penny out of an already beleaguered back account to pay for treatment, and to run around after me when I'm in too much of a mess to do much.

Our washing machine never stops as I get through mountains of bed linen each week, and I can't really wear an item of dothing. except jeans and jackets, more than once without washing it. Partly this is because I get greasy ointments all over everything, but also because every time I scratch an itch, I dislodge hundreds of precariously attached skin cells. These cells are the primary food of the dust mite. whose droppings are known to irritate eczema, so I want to get rid of the lot every time I wash

It is also important that dust in my room is kept to a minimum. To this end, we have invested in a very powerful (very expensive) vacuum deaner which sucks the dust out of the tiniest crevice, and can also be used to vacuum curtains, mattress

here are hundreds of different products used to treat eczema, and as many different opinions held by GPs, dermatologists and hospitals, not to mention the plethora of "alternative" treatments. I have used endless different preparations. from the harmless emollient creams to strong steroid ointments. I have had bath oils, special shampoos, special creams for different bits of me, a stay in hospital, steroid injections, antibiotics, antihistamines, homoeopathic remedies (as much based on my psyche as my condition), wheat-free diets, fruit-free diets and on and on. I do think that at last I am getting somewhere, but I know it will take a long time and will not necessarily be a permanent remedy. I don't expect to be cured totally - I don't think it's possible - but I would like to be able to live a normal life.

Despite the problems, I am lucky. People have said that they would never have known I have eczema, when it is not bad on my face and hands. There are times when I don't itch, and when my skin feels almost soft, and when there's no redness, cuts or infection, and when I sleep and can move with total ease. Unless things are really quite bad, I can carry on a normal social life, and enjoy university and get my work done. I accept the limitations on my life most of the time - I know I can't go swimming: water robs my skin of its tiny quantity of natural oils, and so after a bath I have to use large amounts of ointment



Trying to live as normal a life as possible, despite eczema: Heather Lindsay at home in Guildford

play games like squash or tennis, because the exertion makes me sweat and that is agony on sore skin I used to think that everyone's skin hurt when they perspired. I know I can't be quite as spontaneous as others — I have to make sure I'm equipped with all the necessary creams, bath oils, changes of clothes and so on. But once I stopped expecting an immediate cure (there is no actual cure for eczema), and started treating my skin as I should, it became easier to

It is important that people in

and teachers do not dismiss eczema as insignificant, or eczema-sufferers as "whingers"— I have come across this attitude. I have approached my university with the problem as it relates to my work, and they have been extremely helpful, and made all sorts of allowances. Also, it is important to see a GP,

but not to be browbeaten into a certain line of treatment: I once objected to a particular remedy in which I had little faith and was subjected to a tirade of abuse along the lines of "what do you know?". After 21 years of eczema, I think I

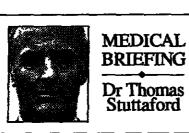
my business to do so - and it is important to be happy with your course of treatment. Don't be afraid to change GPs or to go elsewhere for a second opinion when seeing a specialist. I have done all these and am now confident that I have found the right expert and the right course of treatment.

• The National Eczema Society (NES) is at 4 Tavistock Place, London WC1H
9RA (071-388 409). The Institute for
Complementary Medicine (21 Portland
Place, London WIN 3AF. Tel: 071-636 9543) can give you details of alternative

Head that survived

YASSER ARAFAT's escape from the aircraft crash in April which killed the crew was hailed as miraculous. This week it transpired that Mr Arafat had not escaped as scot-free as had been hoped; a visit to a medical centre in Amman had shown that something untoward was happening within Mr Arafat's skull and that further investigations would be

necessary.
Within 24 hours his condition had worsened and he was troubled by a severe headache. Mr Arafat needed emergency neurosurgery to evacuate clots which were compressing his brain: he was suffering from a chronic subdural haematoma. Bleeding had been occasioned by a tearing of the cerebral veins, this must have followed a blow to the head when the plane crashed. A clot, from the bleeding, formed on the surface of the brain under the dura, part of its covering. The blow would have caused the brain, which is



only of the consistency of firm blancmange, to shift too violently within the

As patients grow older - Mr Arafat is 62 — their brains shrink and fit the skull less snugly and in consequence greater movement within it is possible and thus the tearing of the veins and consequent haemorrhage is more likely. More than one clot frequently forms, for a blow to the head often causes the brain to bounce about from one side of the skull to the

other with damage occurring at both points of impact. Mr Arafat needed two clots evacuated. In acute subdural haemorrhage any damage is apparent within hours, but in older patients with chronic subdural haematomas the pressure on the brain slowly increases as the clot enlarges as fluid is drawn to it by osmosis.

As the clot grows bigger the patient complains of a headache of increasing severity. Associated with this is a deterioration of mental powers until the patient eventually becomes confused and comatose. The progress is not uniform: characteristically in a patient suffering from a subdural haematoma the level of alertness and consciousness varies: somebody who may be rational at one moment

may be difficult to arouse an hour or two later, only to improve again as time goes on. Mr Arafat should do well; this episode is unlikely to have caused any lasting brain damage.

Suffering children

PEOPLE have often been callous about the suffering of voung animals but a recent report from Action for Sick Children has suggested that some of this indifference to the suffering of the young may extend to children who have had surgery. In one survey 25 per cent of children after open heart surgery had no postoperative analgesia.

Children and babies suffer pain as readily as anybody else. Many doctors do not give painkillers to children unless they cry out with pain, but not all children cry and many tend to hide their pain for they have been taught to "be brave".

It may well be that children

dread needles, and that they are not able to take aspirin for fear of Reye's syndrome, a reaction to aspirin which alfects the brain and internal organs, but there are many other preparations as strong, or if need be very much stronger, which will ease the suffering and prevent frightening memories lying buried in their subconscious. Analgesics can be given to children as a medicine, or tablets, as well as by injection. Action for Sick Children has produced a leaflet for parents ("Children and Pain", available from Argyll House, 29-31 Euston Road. London NW1 2SD: price £1) and entreats them to demand

adequate post-operative anal-

gesia for their children.

London Chest Hospital in Bethnal Green, east London, had a bit of a problem recently. The woman sitting in front of her spoke only Sylheti, a Bengali dialect. However, the woman's teenage son spoke good English and was acting as translator. All went well until Dr

r Freda Festenstein, a

consultant at the

Festenstein had to ask an intimate, gynaecological question. The son shifted uneasily "I told him what sort of question I wanted to ask his mother," Dr Festenstein says. and said: Would you like to ask it, or shall I get a female interpreter? You should have

seen the smile of relief on his face. So I rang the interpreter." The interpreter in question was one of 25 linguists who work for Language Line. She did not turn up in person, but conducted a three-way conversation on the telephone with

the mother and Dr Festenstein. Everybody was happy, not least the son. Language Line was set up in April 1990 by Lord Young of Dartington, who founded the Consumer's Association and helped to start the Open University. The pilot service at the London Hospital (now

Royal) operated from 9am till 5pm, offering translation in nine different languages. Situated in Whitechapel, east London, the London Hospital served a large Bengali population, as well as other ethnic minorities, particularly Somalian refugees. It soon became apparent that other hospitals

were in need of translators. "Some hospitals have health advocates or link workers who are trained to act as interpreters," says Bernadette Brittain, the medical liaison officer for Language Line, "but many of them rely on staff or relatives. But you can't just drag a member of staff away from his or her work every time there's a need for an interpreter."

in the past month, Language Line has dramatically expanded its services. It now operates 24 hours a day and offers translations into more than 140 languages, including Waray-Waray (Pacific islands), Tigrinya (Tigre), Twy (Ghana), Chao-chou (China) and Wolof (Senegal). So far three London hospitals — the Royal Free, Guy's, and

Healing in tongues

A London translating service helps doctors communicate with patients

London Chest — have signed contracts, and two others, Homerton and St Bartholomew's, are on a free test period. Leicester General has also just started using the service, and negotiations are in progress with Northwest Hertfordshire Health Authority.

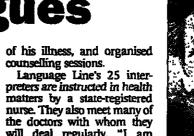
Initially funded as a charity.

with the help of the Nuffield Foundation, British Telecom, the Home Office, and a number of City liveries, Language Line is now aiming to become commercially independent, while keeping its prices modest. It charges hospitals a £1.000 annual flat fee, and health authorities between £3,000 and £5,000. General practitioners in Tower Hamlets, east London, are on a trial period (the Family Health Service Authority will pick up the bill), as are a number of health centres, clinics and voluntary organisations.

ccording to Ms A Brittain, the recently published Patients' Charter has prompted many hospitals to examine their own translation facilities. The charter states that every citizen is entitled to equal health care. and "you are unlikely to get that if you can't speak the language," Ms Brittain says. She cites the case of a Bengali mother who was admitted to a London hospital with a prolapsed uterus. She was on the point of signing consent for a hysterectomy. when the doctor decided to contact Language Line. "She had no idea of the operation that was about to be performed," Ms Brittain says. "When it was explained to her she became distraught as she

children. The operation was cancelled." Or there was the Somalian who thought he was about to have an x-ray for his stomach ache, when in fact he was on the point of undergoing an intense treatment of radiotherapy for bowel cancer. Language Line was able to explain to the patient the exact extent | not satisfied.

was hoping to have more



nurse. They also meet many of the doctors with whom they will deal regularly. "I am particularly interested in asthma, cancer and tuberculosis." Dr Festenstein says, "so I explain to them the sort of expressions I regularly use." Patients and doctors can

pass the telephone between them, plug in an adaptor and another phone, or use a "hands off" intercorn. If there is a need for a case conference, five people can speak together through the switchboard. And although their principal task is one of explanation, the



Dr Festenstein: uses service

interpreters inevitably act as counsellors, lending a sympa-

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A patch on other cures

ROBERT BURTON (1577-1640) described in The Anatoof Melancholy the addictive nature of tobacco. Burton after extolling the virtues of tobacco when taken in small quantities went on to say: "But it is commonly abused by most men which take it as tinkers do ale; 'tis a plague, a mischief, a violent purge of goods, lands, health, hellish, devilish and damned tobacco, the ruin and overthrow of body and soul."

This week a nicotine-loaded patch, Nicotinell, made by Ciba Geigy has become available. Long heralded, these patches can be worn in the same way as those which are used to alleviate angina by delivering glycerine nitrate, or the menopause by the release of hormones. A prescription, private not NHS, is needed and a month's supply, using

one patch daily, costs £156. Both Nicotinell and Nicorette, the nicotine impregnated chewing-gum, are intended for smokers who, like those described by Burton 350 years ago, are addicted to nicotine; they will not be helpful for those who are psychologically hooked on the ritual of smoking, who are dependent on smoking as a means of hiding social embarrassment, or en-

joy a cigar after dinner. Animal experiments over 40 years ago proved that nicotine could be highly addic-



Bright: a wearable cure is at hand for nicotine addicts

tive and that many mammals became physically dependent on it. This was not invariably so with people who smoked and only about 40 per cent of heavy smokers were truly addicted: the rest smoke because for one reason or another they have become socially condi-

tioned to do so. Addictive smokers will often give up at the onset of a serious tobacco-related disease, but the results of aversion therapy. hypnosis and group therapy have all been disappointing. Nicorette, the chewing-gun

has however been shown to be successful, albeit that some patients seem to become addicted to the gum instead of to the cigarette. A controlled trial in Switzerland suggests too that the patch will be helpful, 40 per cent who used it stopped smoking.

Motivation too is essential as well as any nicotine-based cigarente substitute, more people than it is usually sunposed are reluctant to forego the pleasure of smoking described by Burton as "divine, rare, super excellent".

The country that gave its castles back with the country that gave its castles back

As Czechs go to the polls, some are returning to the grand homes once confiscated from them. Marcus Binney reports

ever have the fortunes great ancestral houses taken a more unexpected turn than in Czechoslovakia today. Over the past few weeks, dozens of castles, hundreds of hectares of surrounding farmland and large collections of paintings and furniture have been returned to their former, largely noble, owners. A few years ago, most of these would have as easily believed the sun would fall into the moon.

Confiscation came in two waves. First in 1945-46 from German families and collaborators and second in 1948 from the rest. Not surprisingly, former Nazis are spe-

cifically excluded from the present restitution programme.

In Bohemia and Moravia, the Czech half of the country, the natmonument service estimates there are 2,500 castles and country seats, as well as about 500 smaller manor houses. handed over to a variety of institutions, homes for the elderly, for the mentally ill, for the military. One hundred and fifty of the houses had remained open to the public as show houses or as museums. Half of these

reclaimed. On May 11, I set out to explore East Bohemia with John Harris, the architectural historian. Kit Martin, the rescuer of great empty houses and the American garden historian Howard Adams. With us came Josef Stulc, the director of the

awaited at every turn. Our first stop was Letovice, a renaissance castle remodelled in the 1720s and 1820s. It stands on

a crag above a valley, but the approach is lined with large concrete apartment blocks. The huge barns in the outer courtyard are used by local farming collectives. Finding a gap in the chain link fence around the castle, we were soon on the terrace, looking down on a large regency gothic stable.

tary use, and everywhere the debris of collapsed ceilings. But for all its pathetic abandon. Letovice had a good new roof. Faced with a vast number of empty castles and monuments, the Czechs have at least tried to make sure the roofs are sound. Only a few months before, parliament voted an extra two million crowns, just for the roofs of endangered monuments.

Our next stop was Cerná Hora, which has a renaissance wing dated 1561 and handsome Italianare additions of the 1850s. Inside it proved to be a thriving old people's home. Residents sat outside in the courtyard enjoying the sun.

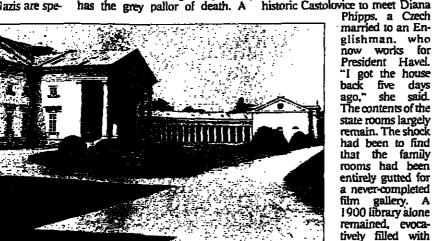
Now came Lysice, boasting a garden pergola mighty enough for Olympus itself. Inside we found the upstairs gallery panelled with an extraordinary series of rifle targets. There was one for each year from 1800 to 1850, painted with scenes of local life and spattered with bullet holes. This house, as with others which will not be restituted. will probably be returned to the local village or town, which may keep it as a show house or put it up

Last that day came Boskovice. beautifully remodelled in Empire style in the 1820s and newly returned to its owner, a count. The columned carriage hall is as chastely neo-classical as any in Paris or Berlin, and the furniture remains ("best Biedermeier pool table I've ever seen." Mr Howard said), but in another reclaimed family house

in perfect, too perfect, decorative order. Looking at a Victorian water colour of an upstairs bedroom, we noticed the ceiling was now on a different, simpler pattern. All was suddenly clear. Whole rooms had been completely renewed.

The state property service which did such work was not interested in routine maintenance. They left the buildings to decay so there would be a bigger job to do in the end." Mr Stulc said.

On to the renaissance castle at Pardubice, where a dreadful shock awaits. The castle is a heavily precinct approached through a series of gateways and has the grey pallor of death. A



The Ickworth of Bohemia: Kacina, a museum of agriculture



Perfectly framed: Castolovice state rooms are largely intact

Czech monument service. Surprises 'structural engineer has decided it is unsafe and pressure-injected the rubble walls with cement, which oozes out in hideous dribbles. In the courtyard we find the huge painted timbers of the medieval hall neatly sawn into 6ft lengths.

In the hall itself there is a new concrete floor and a new concrete ceiling. "This is the most complete destruction possible short of demolishing the entire building," Mr

Enchantment returned at the home to a pure breed of carriage horses "Kladrubians". After walking through a luxuriant English park we find 50 mares and their foals grazing in an apple orchard. The 1898 stables are as grand as any in Leicestershire.

Last stop of the day is Nové Hrady, a large rococo house begun in 1773, newly restituted to the Dobernin family. A radical overhaul has been under way for some time, but a large alsatian methodically doing the rounds of the scaffolding deters explorers.

Thursday brings us first to the castle at Rychnov, restituted a week before to the Kolovrat family. On the edge of the town is the usual cluster of huge concrete apartment blocks with a slick modern factory right next door, "Not a power station but a plant providing hot water and heating for the whole town," our guide says.

The present head of the family had remained in Czechoslovakia until 1968, then settled in Austria, setting up, we were told, a successful fishing tackle business. Now he is master again of a vast butter yellow Schloss, largely built by Santini, the great baroque architect of Moravia. It is laid out around a courtyard 150ft sq. freshly painted in icing sugar white stucco. The roof has been well repaired, using old tiles. The new owners will reopen Rychnov to the public later this summer but will eventually live

back five days ago," she said. ago," she said. The contents of the state rooms largely had been to find rooms had been entirely gutted for a never-completed film gallery. A 1900 library alone remained, evocatively filled with bright red bound volumes of Country Life and The

nearby, Cernikovice, now a home

for the mentally handicapped. The

patients will be relocated in a

former Czech army barracks. Insti-

tutions inhabiting these houses are

allowed to stay on for up to ten

years after the owners reclaim, but

the owners can claim rent and

possibly hasten departure. On the

first floor we find a magnificent

picture collection, rooms of full-

length Elizabethan portraits, ba-

roque religious pictures, and beautiful, if melancholy, canvasses

of dead game. All the pictures have

been expertly cleaned and appear

After lunch we set off to vast

Phipps, a Czech married to an En-

glishman, who

now works for

President Havel.

"I got the house

in excellent condition.

Beyond is an English park of extraordinary lushness and beauty, informally planted to frame a series of receding vistas. Here Mr Martin expounded his theory that pensions not paradors will be the saving of Czech castles. 'If you let a hotel in, or even a relaischâteau, it will take over the place. Hotels require a large number of

staff and lose a fortune if empty for even a few

months. Much better, he argued, a series of houses and castles, each with several smaller apartments and bedroom suites for tourists who would eat out in the local town. A number of owners will have to find new ways to make their homes earn their keep beyond opening them to the public; some have turned down the opportunity to reclaim because

they could not afford repairs. Friday takes us north to the great Josefov, a remarkable military town dating from the Napoleonic wars. with barracks the size of government ministries. "The Russians took it over in 1968 and built a huge wall across the middle to keep everyone out," says Paul, our new guide. Now the barracks are empty, leaving more space than ever existed in Liverpool and London

Docks combined. Our next goal is Ratiborice, a pink Trianon overlooking lush water meadows. It was built for Menemich's mistress, Wilhelmina. The Empire interiors are filled with fresh flowers and vases of foliage. Close by is a farm court enclosed by magnificent barns. But here the reroofing drive has gone awry. One range of weathered old tiles, many capable of re-use, have been replaced by concrete ones and the undulations of the roof entirely

Nové Město is just restituted to a Czech owner who is living in America. It stands at the lower edge of a large village square, with the best heraldic supporters I have seen, a pair of utterly life-like stone brown bears. We drive back in the blazing evening sun along country roads lined with apple trees in full bloom. "But we cannot eat the apples; they're too polluted by the leaded petrol," Mr Stulc said.

Saturday takes us into the green. open rolling country of Moravia Our first castle is in the town of Moravská Třebová. The local coun-

cil would like to lease it, we are told. as large and thrusting as a Cape The robust stonework of the court-Canaveral rocket. Inside, it is pure yard recalls the Palais de Luxem-Lohengrin, with gothic bedrooms bourg in Paris. for the knights, complete with The plan of the courtyard is hooded beds and high-backed unusual, zig-zag but symmetrical. wooden benches. The main rooms Mr Martin quickly comes up with a all have ornate tiled stoves, and scheme for making the two end built-in seats, the middle-class compavilions in to small, twin hotels. forts of Switzerland rather than They both have secluded gardens draughty aristocratic grandeur. tucked away on the far side where The Knights' Hall has a richly you could hide a swimming pool." crocketed and cusped wagon roof. A few miles on we chance on and beyond is a throne room lined Vranová Lhota, a little Normandywith seats like a chapter house, style manoir, in a country village. dominated by a vast gothic chande-

lier containing a figure of St The Thurn und Taxis family, despairing of its condition, gave it George, the patron of the order. to the village. It would make an enchanting family house. True, the oing south, the villages village tubbish dump has grown up become drabber with grey, flat-roofed conjust beyond the garden wall, but it would be an easy job to shift it. crete houses. Our goal is Bousov, our next stop, is a Náměšť na Hané, a rococo summer stupendous sight, built in the house in a circular garden, which 1890s by Eugene von Hapsburg. steps straight out of an 18thgrandmaster of the Teutonic century pattern book of maisons de

Knights. We hear the knights want

it back, but so far are precluded by

the legislation. The red-roofed cas-

tle is dominated by a central tower

anything from "ancient prayer chants, to Moroccan Jewish music,

to Sephardic music, right up to

Klezmer (Jewish jazz) and Tin Pan

Alley." Mr Knapp says that most Jewish music is a hybrid of styles.

The trend started with the Hasi-

European Jews. "If they heard

popular tunes in the street, they

would take them into the Hasidic

canon. You add a Hebrew text, you

sing it in a Jewish way and it

This tradition continued in New

York in the 1920s where eastern

European Jewish folk dance music

met black jazz. The result was

Klezmer, variously described as

Jewish jazz, Jewish party music and

even Jewish soul music. One New

York band, the Klezmatics, has

called its latest album, "Rhythm

of this sort of evolution. Mr Knapp

describes it as "the music of the

Hasidim which integrates with

Hasidic pop is the latest example

becomes Hasidic."

and Jews".

nlaisance. In a wing, there are three sensational 18th-century state coaches, built for successive archbishops of Olomouc. To show the springing still works, the guide rocks the coach on its straps with a force sufficient to give most museum curators heart seizure. The coaches have not been restored or re-upholstered, but simply cleaned.

Inside the house is painted throughout with blue and green rocaille. The unstairs rooms all have at least three doors, like a Mozart farce, for maids and paramours to slip in and out.

Our last day takes us first to Zdechovice. A nearby power station puts an end to any dream of rural idyll, and we find the house recently vacated by the Russian army, the grounds concreted over for parking and huts. Yet the house is freshly painted with a business-like red

Suddenly, the local mayor app ears. "The Russians have given five million crowns in reparation," he explains. He wants it to become a hotel. "We have a marketing video." Before we leave, he insists we see the Russian prison, two grim cells, one no wider than a hed.

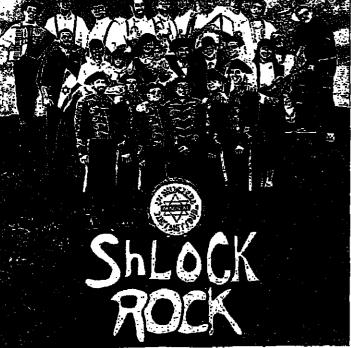
Our final goal is Kacina, the Ickworth of Bohemia. It is a vast snow white composition with an eight-column portico, extended by long colonnades. "Best Palladian sprawl I've seen," Mr Adams said.

Inside it is a jolt to find it entirely fitted out as a museum of agricul ture. "All the original furniture has recently been found, and can be put back," says Paul. As we walk round, our attention is engaged by the exhibits as much as the inlaid parquets and painted ceilings. There are tableaux as good as any in the Science Museum, delightful models of farm buildings, and endless curios, like the wooden baroque statue converted into a beehive with an entrance carved in

its knee. In a week, we have seen 30 houses out of 3,000. The restitution is amazing but the question is whether in ten years the owners will be managing to keep them going. Or will the Czech government, like the British, face the new challenge of acquiring whole houses with their contents for the nation?



Middle-class comforts: Bousov was built in the 1890s by Eugene von Hapsburg, the grandmaster of the Teutonic Knights



In tune: Shlock Rock puts ancient Jewish texts to hit rock songs

hlock Rock's latest album is called "Sergeant Shlocker's Magical History Tour". It is an album of well-known rock songs put to ancient Jewish texts and includes "Leaving the USSR" and "Be Good, Be Cool, Be Jewish". Another band, the Yeadles, does nothing but Beatles' cover versions to its own Hebrew lyrics. Country Yossi and the Shteeble-hoppers do the same with Country and Western music. And inevitably there is rap; the Radical Rappin' Reppes' latest album is called "Not Too Religious To Rap

This is Hasidic pop. Jewish music at its most contemporary. It is fast, and funky but is it really Jewish? The man to ask is Alexander Knapp, the recently appointed, and first, research fellow in Jewish music at City University, London. "Jewish music traces its origins, directly or indirectly, to the Temple chant of 2,000 years ago, but has been subjected to the innumerable influences of the diaspora," Mr Knapp says. Geraldine Auerbach. chairman of the Jewish Musical Festival Trust, is more circumspect, talking of "music of Jewish significance". This, she says, covers Hasidic pop is the latest hybrid of

Rhythm and Jews

Jewish music dim, an 18th century sect of eastern Israeli music which integrates with American jazz and pop". The style emerged in the Sixties

with the father of Hasidic pop. Shlomo Carlebach. "He used to do. in a more modern way, what the Hasidic masters would do hundreds of years ago," says Daniel Tunkel, a director of the London Jewish Music Centre. "He would sit down and tell a story, draw you all in make you feel mystified and want to listen to more and then sing a song. And because we were getting into the age of the Beatles, round his neck went the guitar.' This light, undemanding Hasidic pop is extremely popular. Last summer, when Mordechai Ben

David, the Michael Jackson of

Hasidic pop, gave a charity concert

at the Wembley Conference Centre, it was a sell out.

Mrs Auerbach says that most Hasidic pop retains its religious purpose and this determines its success. "They are singing in a more jazzed up rock way but they are still using biblical texts. All those kids in Golders Green are learning biblical aphorisms

through music they respond to." This means that on the whole, orthodox Jews approve of Hasidic pop. Nevertheless, male Hasidim are forbidden to listen to a woman singing. At the Wembley concert, the sexes sat apart. Dr Tali Loewenthal head of sixth-form studies at Lubovitch House, a Hasidic girls' school in Starnford Hill, north London, says: "The people who create it do so with the idea that through this music, which uses modes that are familiar to the world of normal pop, they can introduce Jewish ideas and ideals to people who otherwise would not be open to them."

Naomi Hager, aged 17, a pupil of the school, says: "I think that Shlock Rock and Mordechai Ben David appeal to different ends of the market. Most of my friends would not be interested in Country Yossi or Shlock Rock: they might like the tunes but they do not know

the pop music behind them."
The exposure of traditional Jewish music to the outside world is, at least in Jewish terms, relatively recent. For Mrs Auerbach, the development of Jewish music parallels Jewish life. If it takes on too much of the local culture, it ceases to be Jewish. "This is the whole of Judaism. Will assimilation mean

there will be no more Jews?" Mr Knapp says: "Just as I can respond to Faure's Requiem and an Indian raga, I feel that Jewish music can speak to anyone who has

JAMES LANDALE

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s soon as I looked at the glearning monster standing in front of me, reality overwhelmed fantasy. The last time I sat astride a motor cycle, they had kickstarts and bulbous headlamps.

I am one of the generation hankering for a return to carefree travel; the thirtysomethings bored with sitting hour after hour in traffic jams in our dull, jelly-mould, four-seater saloons. We want freedom and fun; and it passes us by in the form of sleek motor cycles. So that was it. Forget the car and

Kevin Eason feels the urge to roar off in search of his lost youth on a motor cycle

go back to two wheels, I thought. It was a good idea at the time, but the moment i confronted my first motor cycle for 15 years, the enthusiasm wore off fast.

Excitement was suddenly something I was not seeking in my rush to join the ranks of the "born-again bikers", as the trade calls the returners to two wheels. Yet I was proposing to sit astride a four-

back on a bike without any problems," he said. "Bikes are very cylinder bike capable of firing me different animals now and motorfrom standstill to 60mph in fewer ists are probably unaware of their than five seconds - with about the power and abilities and the same accelerative power as Ferrari. roadcraft needed."

John Webb thought it was a daft Motorcyclists face much more idea, too. He was too polite to put it rigorous testing than car drivers as that way, but as a veteran instructor a result of the government crackwith the British Motorcycling Feddown to reduce horrendous accieration (BMF) he had seen enough dent figures among motorcyclists. bikers wobble off into the sunset to Novice riders are restricted to know that training is vital. motor cycles of 125cc until they pass their test and the route to the examination can be a tough one, requiring a course called compul-

balance, important for riders who

are vertically challenged (I am just

five feet six inches) and might have

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sory basic training. There are a number of localauthority schemes, schools run by organisations such as the BMF or private schools. The cost varies but about £100 of lessons should get an average rider to the test. The examiner trails the rider on another motor cycle or in a car issuing instructions through mobile radio. For those who think they can potter around on still relatively high-powered 125cc machines without sitting the examination.

is taken within two years. The schooling and the testing require discipline, skill and patience but have been worth it. The result of the new rules was a 22 per cent decrease in accidents last year

provisional licences expire if no test

"A lot of people remember what it was like when they were teenagers and think they can just get

Call of the wild: the Yamaha Diversion XJ600S is a throwback to old motorcycling values

over 1990 and the industry has already reached the target for reducing accidents set by govern-ment for the year 2000. Accidents are rarely caused by simply falling off, but more often by car and lorry drivers who fail to understand the

vulnerability of a motorcyclist. My first 20 minutes back on a motor cycle registered such a heightened sense of my own mortality. I was watching every vehicle around me like a hawk. Mr Webb says that is good because bikers have to be mind-readers, anticipat-

ing the moves of other road users and reading the road ahead. His personal tuition was invaluable for building confidence and skill and for overcoming initial nerves.

A few days later, I was an enthusiast again. But there was one other curious phenomenon: I realised I was riding much more slowly and carefully than I do as a car driver. Mr Webb's training plus that heightened sense of mortality was making me a better road user. Most county road safety officers have details of local training schools for

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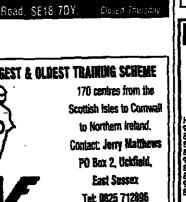
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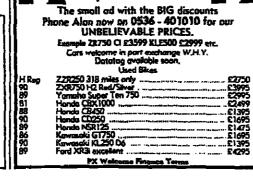
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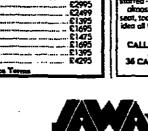
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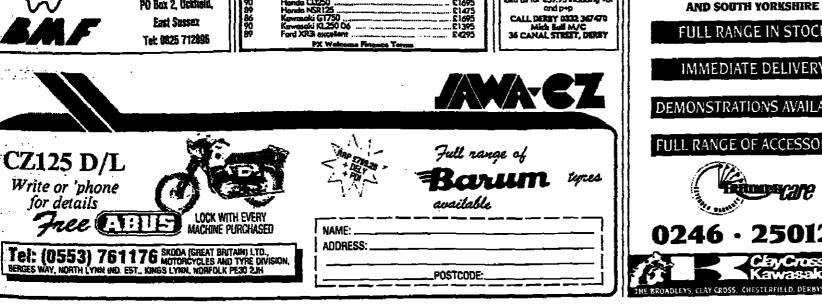


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How a tiny company broke free to make

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a new car. By Kevin Eason

n the big, bad world of the motor industry Jack rarely gets to beat the giant. American giants of the motor industry spent most of the 1980s gobbling up small fry one after another, adding some of the nation's most famous names to their corporate portfolios.

Lotus fell to General Motors and Ford gathered up Jaguar and Aston Martin Lagonda, and a small company on the fringes of the motoring world but with the potential for enormous succes

This was AC Cars, a small sports car maker almost a century old. In 1987 Ford took a 50.9 per cent stake in the company. The deal seemed to create a perfect match, giving Ford a tiny subsidiary with a historic name in which it could build desirable sports cars from Ford components.

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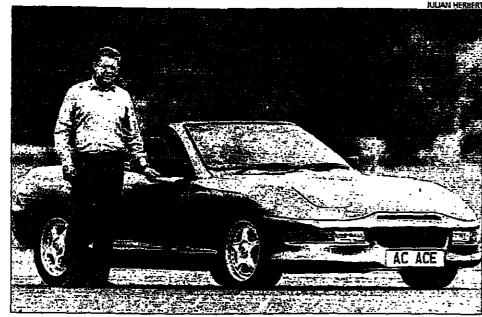
Within two years, however, the deal had gone hopelessly wrong. The corporate men in grey suits could not understand the way a tiny company works or why Brian Angliss, the managing director, wanted to make on-the-spot decisions without consulting ranks of management.

What was Ford's answer? The men in suits spent two years trying to close down AC. The giant was expected to lift its mighty boot and squash the

tiny business flat. However, AC had a Jack who turned out to be a giantkiller. Brian Angliss mounted pugnacious resistance to all attempts to put AC out of business and last week won his two-year legal battle. Ford executives changed their collective minds and allowed Mr Angliss to buy out their share.

This was a victory not only for Mr Angliss but also for common sense because AC has a secret tucked away that will surprise the motoring world later this year. The company will introduce a new

Mr Angliss and his team worked at a new model even THE SPORTS CAR WITH ACE PERFORMANCE



THIS is the car that Ford should have gone ahead and made. The AC Ace, above with its creator, has stunning good looks but is a practical sports tourer. The all-aluminium body, styled by International Automotive Design, of Worthing, West Sussex, has long, luscious curves that make the car look as though it should cost a fortune. However, it will not be too expensive. Mr Angliss promises.

Mr Angliss is aiming for a pre-tax price of about £40.000, which makes the Ace a future competitor for Jaguar's XJS and the more expensive Mercedes SL

Power in the prototype comes from the

Yamaha-designed V6 3-litre used by Ford in America but hopes are high that the British Cosworth-designed V6 3-litre will be chosen.

The engine is positioned under the bonnet to give a 53-47 per cent front-to-rear weight distribution, which should give handling characteristics close to those of a mid-engined car. Linked through four-wheel-drive, power steering and five-speed Ford transmission, the Ace should offer muscle car performance to the driver in a spacious, leather-clad cabin.

The details of interior quality and cabin finish, often a weakness in low-volume hand-

though they did not know whether they would be in business to make it. The result of their confidence that they would still be around is a stunning new car, all British in design and glamorous enough to raise eyebrows the world over. The new Ace will also revive the AC badge, one of the most celebrated in the history

of British motoring. The business started in 1900 when John Weller saw his friend John Portwine trundling past with a load of groceries on his bone-shaking bicycle. Mr Weller decided to ease his friend's ride and motorised the cycle, creating the Auto Carrier, or AC.

The 1920s were AC's golden age as one of Britain's biggest manufacturers. The cars regularly broke speed records at the Brooklands racing bowl in Surrey.

In 1961, Carroll Shelby, a Texan racing driver, turned up at AC with an idea to race the Ace but using a brutal 7litre V8 Ford engine from America. That led to the Cobra, which won the Sports Car World Championships in 1965 and made the AC name synonymous with muscle cars.

The Cobra captured Mr Angliss's imagination. Mr Angliss, who was born near the AC factory at Thames Ditton, Surrey, owned the business by 1986, and added it to his own Autokraft company, which was already making the Cobra.

aking a car that was nearly 25years-old, however, was not enough and Mr Angliss was soon looking to build a new model and revive AC. A partner appeared in the shape of the Ford company.
Ford could give the AC

company access to the company's enormous parts bin and engine technology, otherwise too expensive for a small manufacturer to develop.

In spite of the two years of legal wrangling, Mr Angliss and Ford have parted com-pany on amicable terms, as shown by the Ford components that pack the new Ace.

A V6 Cosworth engine is also sitting on a bench at AC's new factory at Brooklands, ready for testing in the car. That is the engine that is likely to be power the new fourwheel-drive Ace, offering 210 brake horsepower and meeting even the toughest Ameri-

can emissions regulations.

The first 25 cars could be made before the end of the year and eventually be rolling out of the plant at a maximum of 700 cars a year if sales to Japan and America as well as continental Europe go well.

Mr Angliss is enthusiastic about the prospects for the Ace. He says: "All the best cars seemed to be coming from Japan in recent years. We wanted to prove we could still make the best sports cars and the Ace is the proof."





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Car maker cuts the premiums

Ford tries to bring back 'hot hatch' buyers with insurance bargains

ket for GTi-style cars has forced Britain's biggest car maker into some radical action to rescue its customers from enormous insurance premiums. Kevin

Ever since the insurance companies pushed up premiums for small, high-performance cars by up to 80 per cent, the models that were the fashion rage of the last decade

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have lost their popularity. Most drivers cannot afford the insurance. Premiums can easily top £1,000 for motorists aged under 30, particularly if they live in a city where cur

crime is rampant The Ford company is therefore offering its own insurance scheme, which could cut preminims by as much as 30 per cent to encourage a few customers back into its highperformance hatchbacks.

Without help, it seems that drivers were prepared to drop lashion in favour of avoiding the strain on their wallets.

A survey by Autocar & Motor this week underlines just how sayage the premiums can be. The magazine asked Quotel Insurance Services, of Worthing, West Sussex to find quotes for a typical 24year-old commercial manager living in or near Reading. Berkshire, and having maximum no claims discount and a clean licence. The cheapest quotes for an Escort XR3i were £994 and for its rival Vauxhali Astra GSi £1,315.

The bill was even bigger for Ford's two prestige high-performance models. The cheap-

The collapse in the mar-ket for GTi-style cars new Escort RS2000 was £1,620 and for the Sierra Cosworth £3,888, which is a fifth of the buying price of the £20,000 car.

It is no wonder that Ian McAllister, Ford's chairman, and his sales team put their heads together to find an answer. They studied schemes similar to Peugeot's one-off £500 payment towards insurance for its 205 GTi, but decided that the crucial area was repeat business.

r McAllister says: "A one-off payment **V L** is fine in the first year but when drivers come to reinsure, they discover they have to find the money for a big premium. By offering our own insurance, we will try to ease that strain in the following years."
The evidence has been

growing that the collapse in the market started at the hortom. Young drivers in second-hand cars were virtually dumping GTis because they could not afford the insurance.

That killed off the resale market and led to a blocked pipeline of "hot hatches" with nowhere to go. Sales in the small car segment, which features the Fiesta XR2i, are down by 60 per cent this year. and sales in the segment featuring the Escon XR3i are a third lower.

High-performance cars are a crucial area for Ford as they yield profits much needed at a time when the total market is bumping along the bottom of

Trial for Triumphs BRITISH Motor Heritage,

the rescuer of rusty MGs, is stretching the business further to provide new bodies for the old Triumph TR6 model. The little factory at Faringdon, Oxfordshire, has traced the original tooling and dies for the famous roadsters, and a trial run of 150 bodies for the British market will be produced at £3,166 each. About 91,000 TR6s were made in eight years to 1976 when the model was supplanted by the TR7, a car whose unreliability became almost a legend in the industry. Yet the TR6 has a 0 to 60mph time of eight seconds and a top speed of 120mph. Also available soon: front valances for the Triumph Herald and Vitesse.

Mercs recalled

MERCEDES-BENZ is recalling all 190 models made since 1983 for handbrake checks. The company says it wants all owners to get in touch with their dealers as soon as possible for repairs to the grip. which in some cases could catch the release button and prevent the complete engagement of the brake. Any repairs will be free.

The greenest

BETTER news from Germany comes with the opening a new £800 million Mercedes plant at Rastatt. The plant will initially make 80 cars daily for the 200E and 300E series, rising to a capacity of 400 a day. Mercedes says the plant is one of the most environmentally friendly in the world. Instead of excavating the site. the builders sank 2,500 pillars into the ground, and there are so many trees that they form a canopy over the car park.

To the rescue

VOLKSWAGEN and Audi cars are to be covered by a rescue-recovery service provid-ed by the RAC from later this month. The service is available for six years on new cars and offers full roadside repairs. rescue and other services similar to the RAC's own top-ofthe-range Reflex package. VW-Audi has mailed details of the scheme to 300,000 poten-

Dearer Nissans

NISSAN is raising prices by an average of 2 per cent. That puts the base Micra 1.2LX up by £64 to £74,200, while a four-door or five-door Primera

1.6SLX goes up by £146 to er, that the price of cars ordered for June delivery is unchanged. Seat, the Spanish manufacturer, is raising prices to compensate for the full introduction of catalytic conveners. The company will be producing only "clean" cars for the UK from this month. The range is from the £4,595 Marbella micro-cat to the Toledo GTi 16v at £15,595.

Jaguar treat

AT LAST enjoying a revival in its fortunes, Jaguar is to be the featured marque at this year's Monterey Historic Automobile Races in America. The country's rich and famous will gather for the event in August on the Californian Laguna Seca racetrack and will be treated to a vast collection of Jaguars. The cars will include a Jaguar XJ-13, a one-off model that was designed to race at Le Mans but did not appear because of changes in competition rules.

Definite delays?

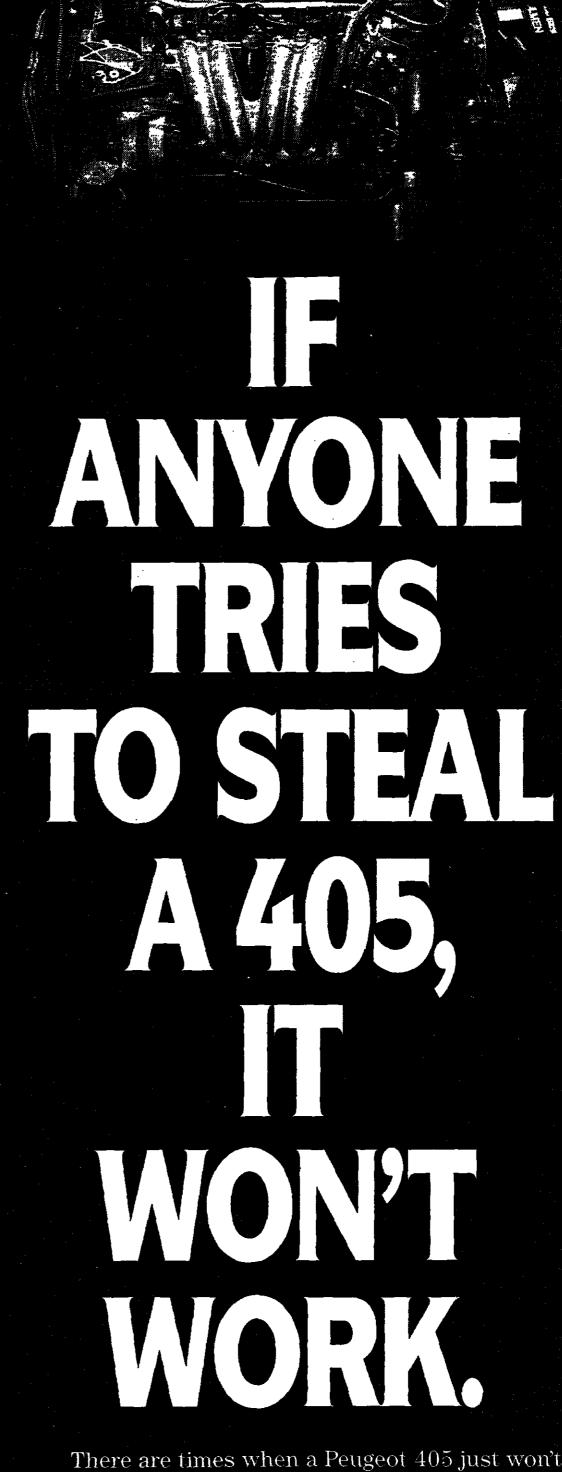
A MOTORIST on the M25 this week reports wearily that there are helpful signs warning drivers of "possible delays"



because of roadworks. Surely, he says, the transport department should drop the pretence and just come straight out with it: delays on the M25 are certain, not possible.

Romance run THE NAMES conjure up the

romance of the day: Stutz. Alvis, Gladiator, Berliet, Overland, Browster, De Dion Bouton and Invicta. If the names spark memories or enthusiasms, go and see the Bristol to Bournemouth vintage vehicle run on June 14. More than 320 pre-1940 cars will be flagged away at 9am from the Ashton Court Estate in Bristol, going on to Wells (10am), Yeovil (11am; and Blandford Forum (12.45pm). The finish will Undercliff Drive.



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Private pupil has no public rights

Fernhill Manor School and Another, Ex parte Brown Before Mr Justice Brooke [Judgment May 22]

A pupil at an independent school did not have a right at public law to challenge his or her expulsion from the school; the only remedy available was a writ action in private law by the pupil's parents for a declaration that their rights had been infringed by the manner of the school's treatment of their

Mr Justice Brooke so held in the Queen's Bench Division dismissing the application for judicial review of Angela Samantha Brown, by her mother and next friend. Penelope Jane Brown, for, inter alia, certionari to quash the decisions of the headmaster of Fernhill Manor School, New Mil-ton, Hampshire, on September 27, 1991, and endorsed by the school's board of governors on October 10, to expel the applicant and for a declaration that the

Mr Michael Kolanko for the applicant: Mr George Leggatt for

MR JUSTICE BROOKE said that the school was an independent girls school owned by a limited company. The applicant joined the school in the summer of 1987 aged eleven and a half. In summary, complaint was

made that the applicant's parents received a letter from the headmaster indicating that she had been expelled for alleged bullying and intimidatory behaviour without their or the applicant being informed of the allegations prior to the decision to expel: nor had they been given an opportunity to respond to those allegations or attend before the headmaster and the board of governors.

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the terms of contract, one of which provided: "The heads reserve the right of requiring the removal of any pupil whose influence is found to be detrimental to her companions or whose conduct and application to work is unsatisfactory."

Mr Kolanko contended, inter

alia, that natural justice de-manded that a pupil was entitled to know the charges against him or her if threatened with expulsion and to make representations; see, for example, R v Board of Governors of London Oratory School, Ex parte R (The Times February

His Lordship said that the distinction between matters of public law and matters of private law was referred to by the Court of Appeal in Law v National Greyhound Racing Club Ltd [1983] 1 WLR 1302, 1307, 1312]. The principles were so well known that

Mr Kolanko said that the present case came within the public law sphere: provisions in Part III of the Education Act 1944, as amended, which brought independent schools into a statutory framework and made them subject to the statutory supervision of the Secretary of State for Education and Science, provided statutory underpinning of the relationship between such schools and their pupils and he relied on

they did not need to be set out.

Leech v Deputy Governor of Parkhurst Prison (1988) AC 533, 561F) per Lord Bridge of Furthermore, there was no private law remedy available directly to a girl aged 16 so that if the application for judicial review was refused the applicant was left without any remedy at all in law either in public law or in private

Mr Leggatt drew attention to two cases, R v East Berkshire Health Authority, Ex parte Walsh (1985) QB 152, 161, 164) and Rv Derbyshire County Council, Exparte Noble (1990) ICR 808, 813-820), which underlined the He contended that a private school was not a public body. The relationship between the applicant and the school was solely the private agreement between her parents and the school.

He conceded that the rules of natural justice had not been folowed in the applicant's case, but his Lordship was satisfied that Mr Leggan was right that the only remedy available at law was that which was available to the parents in a writ action for a declaration and injunction and not an application for judicial review

His Lordship said that it was true that private schools operated within a statutory framework of control but the relationship between such schools and those attending them was founded on private contracts between those operating the schools and those paying for their children to attend

A pupil at a state school was in a different position and did have the right, in an appropriate case, to enforce the principles of fair play or of action if he or she was expelled dures had not been followed The law made a clear distinction between public law cases and private law cases and the present

conclusion that the application had to be dismissed with considerable reluctance and he hoped that the case would draw the attention of those responsible for the governing of independent schools to the need to have Drocedural rules designed to ensure that pupils received fair treatment in accordance with the principles of natural justice in the case of an

expulsion. Expulsion from school was and always had been a stigma; it might hamper the education of a child perhaps at a crucial stage and could lead to later difficulties in employment. The relevant principles of fair play had been repeatedly stated by the courts. At present, if a child was at an independent school the court could offer him or her no remedy. The only remedy was to the parents, if they could afford it, to seek a aration in private law that their

rights had been infringed because of the way the school had treated their child. The child itself had no remedy unless Parliament was willing to give him or her one.
Solicitors: Aldridge & Brownlee,
Christchurch: Derek T. Wilkinson

Capability of minor to instruct

In re H (a Minor) Before Mr Justice Thorne

[Judgment May 22] me children aged 15, although emotionally disturbed, could have sufficient understanding to instruct solicitors representing their interests and, in such cases, the guardian ad litem might seek to be separately represented.

Where it became apparent in family proceedings that a case was more complex than it had originally appeared, it was essential that action was taken swiftly to transfer it to the appropriate level of court within the three-tier

Mr Justice Thorpe so held in the Family Division dismissing an appeal against the order of Bexley Family Proceedings Court committing H, a child, to the care of the local authority. Mrs Rozanna Malcolm for the

minor; Ms Markanza Cudby for the mother; Mrs Jayne Gilbert for the guardian ad litem: Mr Roger McCarthy for the local authority. MR JUSTICE THORPE said

the family justice system that had been introduced to accompany the Children Act 1989 that the allocation of cases to the appropriate level of court within the three-tier

system operated effectively.

Obviously, the vast majority of cases would conclude in the family proceedings courts where they originated. But the successful administration of the system depended on the small percentage of cases which merited transfer finding that transfer at the appropriate

age. It might be that a particular case might not manifest any of the criteria in the allocation order initially but if any of those factors subsequently developed it was important that there should be swift and appropriate action.

By contrast, cases which seemed to bristle with complexity at the outset might simplify as they progressed and equally there should be an appropriate reaction to that reduction.

It had been manifest from the outset of the instant case that it was one of those acutely difficult family cases where an able, intelligent adolescent was demonstrating the capacity to blight his prospects of grossly disturbed behaviour

It was a class of case which was more appropriately dealt with by a judge of the Family Division who would have the support of the services of the Official Solicitor who would be representing the child or, if impracticable because of a divergence between the views of the Official Solicitor and the wishes of the child, as amicus

plaint on behalf of H was that his

solicitor had wrongly advocated the case on the instructions of the enardian ad linem and not on H's instructions or, alternatively, that he had wrongfully endeavoured to advance simultaneously, or consec-urively, the fundamentally conflict-ing instructions of each of them. A subsidiary argument was that

the guardian ad litem had failed to alert the court to the gulf that had developed between her views and

The determination of the question of whether H had been properly represented lay within rules 11 and 12 of the Family Proceedings Courts (Children A 1989) Rules (1991 SI No 1395 Mrs Malcolm said that there

was an important distinction be-tween the question posed by rule 12(1)(a) and the question the justices had earlier considered under section 38(6) of the 1989 Act. The level of understanding that enabled a child to make an informed decision whether to submit to psychological assessment was in all practical effects a much higher level than to enable him to give instructions to a solicitor on his own behalf. His Lordship

agreed with that submission.

Plainly, said Mrs Malcolm, the solicitor, had he given proper

weight to rule 12(1)(a), would have taken instructions exclusively from H, perceiving, whatever his emo-tional disturbance, that he clearly had the ability and determination to convey his wishes. The guardian ad litem would have reported that to the court under rule 11(3) and might have had seperate

representation.

His Lordship had reached the conclusion that Mrs Malcolm was technically right in her sub-mission. However, it put the case a bit high to suggest that any child of 15 years had sufficient under standing to instruct a solicitor. His Lordship did not agree that

where a child was only suffering from emotional disturbance he would always have the ability to instruct a solicitor. A child had to have sufficient understanding within rationality to instruct a solicitor. It might be that the level of emotional disturbance would be sufficient to remove the level of understanding required for ratio nal instruction.

The solicitor had fallen into error in difficult circumstances. The impossibility of presenting rwo such fundame tent cases had been well illustrated. It seemed to his Lordship that in ensure that not only was the professional voice of the guardian ad litem heard but that also the wishes and feelings of the child, however limited the horizon, were similarly presented. If there was any real question as

to whether the child's emotional

disturbance was so intense that he could not give instructions, that question should be the subject of specific expert opinion from experts already involved in the case Mrs Malcolm said that the case involved so fundamental a forfeiture of the child's rights that the justices' order could not stand. While his Lordship acceded to the forensic force of that sub-mission he had to exercise a discretion. In view of the unanimity of professional opinion that H ity of professional opinion that H was in the process of destroying his educational prospects as a direct consequence of his grossly disturbed state it seemed inconceivable that the justices would have been defined from the course that been deflected from the course that they took, however persuasively H's disturbed and distorted views

had been presented. Solicitors: S. J. Oliver & Co. Lee: Howarth Scott. Bexleyheath; Bells, Kingston upon Thames, Mr L. J. Birch, Bexleyheath.

Effect of alcohol on defence of diminished responsibility

case was fairly and squarely within the private sector.

Regina v Egan Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Macpherson of Clurry and Mr Justice Judge

[Judgment May 13] Where the effect of alcohol had to be considered in relation to a defence of diminished respon-sibility under the Homicide Act 1957, the jury should be directed in line with Rv Gittens (1984) QB 698) and Rv Atkinson (1985) Crim LR 314), the high authority

on the point. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in dismissing an appeal by Shaun Daniel Egan against his conviction on Decem-ber 15, 1989, at Cardiff Crown Court (Mr Justice French and a jury) of murder.

Mr Christopher Pitchford, QC and Mr James Tillyard, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Apals, for the appellant, Mr John peals, for the appellant Mr John Griffith Williams, QC, and Mr Richard Twomlow for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant, whose mentality was on the border of the subnormal, had, when under the influence of alcohol, forcefully and unlawfully entered the bungalow of an elderly widow, severely assaulted and killed her.

His plea of guilty to man-slaughter on the basis of dimin-ished responsibility was not accepted by the Crown and he was eventually convicted of murder and sentenced to life

Counsel for the defence argued that the judge's summing up contained flawed directions on the effect of alcohol in relation to diminished responsibility.

He submitted that the approval of the Court of Appeal in R v Atkinson of the commentary of Professor J. C. Smith upon Gittens ((1984) Crim LR 554) was not only obiter but misguided in that Professor Smith's suggested ques-tions for the jury: "Have the defence satisfied you on the bal-ance of probabilities, that if the defendant had not taken drink, (i) he would have killed as he in fact did, and (ii) he would have been under diminished responsibility when he did so?" were irreconcil able with the ratio of Gittens itself, which was that the issue for the iury was not one of choice between causes or substantial causes of the killing but whether abnormality of mind arising from admissible causes substantially impaired the

defendant's mental responsibility

tial" set out in R v Lloyd [[1967] 1

within the meaning of "substan-

That submission was mis-conceived. Far from being obiter. the approval by the court of those questions was central to the de-cision in Atkinson and they were most appropriate and ought to be applied generally.
In their Lordships opinion, the

judgments in Gittens and Arkin-son should be regarded together as representing the high authority on that troublesome subject of dimin-ished responsibility where drink was a factor, and added to that had to be the judgment in R v Tandy [1989] 1 WLR 350) where it was maintained that alcoholism alone could establish that defence.

Finally, for the avoidance of doubt, guidance as to the meaning "substantial" should be explicitly provided for the jury by using one or other of the two meanings in R v Lloyd:

I The jury should approach the word in a broad commonsense

2 The word meant "more than some trivial degree of impairment which does not make an appreciable difference to a person's ability to control himself, but it means less than total

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Solicitors: CPS, South Wales Mrs Malcolm's principal com-

Custodial sentence justified for credit card thefts

Regina v Bumrungpruik

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny and Mr Justice Turner [Judement June 2].

When a young offender was sentenced to nine months detention in a young offender institution for theft of a credit card, the sentenc-ing judge could not be criticized for concluding that the offender's intention at the time of the theft was to use the card to obtain credit and that the offence was so serious that a non-custodial sentence could not be justified within section 1(4A)(c) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, as amended by section 123(3) of the Criminal Justice Act

An appeal by Kittipattana Bumrungpruik, aged 19, against five concurrent sentences of nine months detention in a young offender institution for five of fences of theft of credit cards and concurrent with five three-month sentences for specimen counts of obtaining credit by deception, imposed by Judge Nicholl at Coventry Crown Court on pleas of guilty with 159 other offences taken into consideration, was

amended, provides: "(4) A court may not ... pass a sentence of detention in a young offender institution ... unless it is satisfied ing the nature and gravity of the offence, are such that if the offender were aged 21 or over the court would pass a sentence of imprisonment; and (ii) that he qualifies for a custodial sentence.

"(4A) An offender qualifies for a

custodial sentence if ... (c) the offence of which he has been

convicted ... was so serious that a non-custodial sentence for it can-not be justified." Mr Rex Tedd for the appellant.

MR JUSTICE MAC-PHERSON, giving the judgment of the court, said that the money involved was £11,000 and it had been repaid by the appellant's

The court in sentencing in such cases always had to be alert not to lump together with the individual offences what followed from them. That was a wrong approach. Sometimes judges and the pub-lic might be surprised that that was the position but the statute required that to be done.

look at what followed afterwards and to reflect back on the original offence simply because of what occurred later. In the instant case, however, it

was vital to realise that, when the credit card was stolen the annelland intended to use it in order to obtain goods in the future.

The judge was entitled to look at the circumstances of each individual theft. He decided that they were mean and unpleasant. He decided in each case that it was appellant when he stole the card was to use it not for some other purpose but in order to obtain

In their Lordships' judgment, he was entitled to take that view and to conclude that, in all the circumstances, the theft of the credit cards to be used was a serious matter. He asked himself the correct questions and was referred and referred himself to the relevant provisions.

There was no error of principle in the case and the sentence w not manifestly excessive. Each individual theft was in itself

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7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (791414)
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8.30 The Music Game. Tony Slattery hosts the musical quiz. On tonight's panel are Dave Fanning, Rosemary Ashe and Miles

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(r). (Ceefax)
7.00 Wogan. Terry visits Dolly Parton in Nashville, Tennessee (s) (4211)
7.30 Tales of Gold. The final programme in the series about Britain's Olympic champions. The boxer Chris Finnegan recalls his professional career following his 1968 triumph in Mexico, and there is a portrait of David Burghley, the 1928 400m hurdles gold medallist, whose run around the Trinity Great Court at Cambridge

inspired the scene in the film Charlots of Fire. (Ceefax) (s) (230) 8.00 Birds of a Feather: Baby Come Back. Dorien wonders what to wear to a circumcision. With Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3719) 8.30 Joker in the Pack. Two studio teams compete to tell the most jokes per minute. Presented by Marti Caine. (Ceefax) (s) (9766)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (4292) 9.30 Film: Airplanel (1980) ● CHOICE: By the end of the 1970s the airborne disaster film was ripe for parody, though some would say it had already begun to parody itself. Either way Airplane! was a fair demolition job, making up in energy and weight of gags what it lacked in subtlety or wit. The ingredients are a crew and passenger list representing every cliche in the book and a plot in which a mass food poisoning forces an unlikely hero to take over the controls. The work of Jim Abrahams, David Zucker and Jerry Zucker, the writing and directing team responsible for Kentucky Fried Movie, the film was notable for using normally straight actors in comic roles. Among them were Lloyd Bridges, Robert Stack and Leslie Nielsen. For Nielsen this was the beginning of an unexpected stardom which he has sustained in the Naked Gun series. (Ceefax) (5211308). Northern Ireland: Stanley Woods — The Movie (489940); 10.20 Film: A Man Called Horse

10.55 Film: A Man Called Horse (1970). Graphic western starring Richard Harris as an English aristocrat who is captured by the Sioux Indians. With Judith Anderson. Directed by Elliot Silverstein (41287124). Northern Ireland: 12.10am-1.45 Film: Drop Dead Darling (534167) 12.45am Weather (1684099)



Neighbourly concerns: Robson, Joseph and Quirke (8.00pm)

1.30 ABC News (24322) 2.30 Holiday Destinations (43896) 3.30 ABC News (43341) 4.30 Those Were The Days (77902)

5.30 Newstine (13051)

SKY MOVIES+

SATELLITE

Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites-6.00am The DI hat Show (19008969) 8.40 Mrs Repperpol (1754018) 8.55 Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5315495) 9.30 The Pyramd Game (98389) 10.00 Let's Make a Deal

23650) 10.30 The Bold and the Beautiful

(75940) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (74872) 12.00 St Elsewhere (19740) 1.00pm E Street (45360) 1.30 Geraldo (23483) 2.30 Another World (545292) 5.30 Diff'rent

Another Wond (54529.) 5.30 DIFFlett Strokes (2124 6.00 Love at First Spin (1997) 6.30 E Street (6619) 7.00 Alf (2495) 7.30 Candid Camera (2501) 8.00 The Plast (38921) 9.00 WWF Superstars (56785) 10.00 Studio (67921) 10.30 Firm; Vampire (52940)

Via the Astro and Marcopolo sateliftes.

12.30am Pages from Skytest (92070)

SKY ONE

SKY NEWS

BBC2

6.45-7.10 Open University: Art — The Great Exhibition (9540037) 8.00 Breakfast News (1576582) 8.15 Westminster (6078018)

9.00 Reviving Antiques. How to care for swords (r). (Ceefax) (1981766) 9.05 Daytime on 2: Tornorrow — The World. (Ceefax) (2270414) 9.15 Teaching Today (101358) 9.45 Watch (r) (7100150) 10.00 Square One (r) (4642747) 10.20 Save a Life (r). (Ceefax) (6415501) 10.30 Into Print (33940) 11.00 Movable Feasts (r) (1422766) 11.15 Lemexpress (1412389). Northern Ireland: Ulster in Focus 11.30 Japanese Language and People (3327). Northern Ireland: 11.35 The Winding Banks of Erne (r) 12.00 English File (s) (24292) 12.30 Scene (s) (50105) 1.00 Science Topics (64329105) 1.20 Brum (r) (62214308) 1.30 The Adventures of Spot (r) (62528495) 1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (62527766) 1.40 Zig Zag (r) (59006501) Motives and weather (50730114) followed by Windis and Pictures News and weather (50730114) followed by Words and Pictures (r) (26780786)

2.15 Weekend Outlook: Open University preview (r) (33180835)
2.20 Cricket: First Test — England v Pakistan. Tony Lewis introduces

live coverage of the second day's play from Edgbaston (s) (87984211). Including at 3.00 News and weather, and at 3.50 News and weather. Regional news and weather 6.35 Gymnastics. Highlights of the Daily Mirror/Sunday Mirror Champions All Contest from the National Indoor Arena in Rigidal Parts (1) (27404).

Birmingham (s) (374501) 7.25 Spain on a Plate: Castile. The penultimate leg of the gastromonic tour. María José Sevilla samples suckling pig, roastfamb and Manchego cheese. (Ceefax) (959785) 7.55 Dance House. Gary Lambert performs a solo dance, which reflects

on life in a big city, accompanied by the music of John Marc Gowans

8.00 Public Eye: Testing, Testing. Peter Taylor reports on the proposal to reintroduce selection tests for 11 year olds by schools that have opted out of local authority control (1501)

8.30 Gardeners' World. Liz Rigbey continues her search for the lost Gertrude Jekylt garden in south London (7308)
9.00 Rory Bremner. More barbs from our finest impressionist (s) (2834)
9.30 Words on Film: Devices of Detachment

 CHOICE: In the first of six personal documentaries presented in verse. Damian Gorman reflects on the recent history of his native verse, Damian Gorman reflects on the recent history of his native northern freland. His concern is that ordinary, decent people (in which he includes himself) are responding to the violence by detaching themselves from it. Accompanied by news clips documenting more than 20 years of explosions, shootings and funerals, Gorman's argument is that popular resilience has been built upon the exclusion of the other person's sorrow. He contends that language itself has failed, using the umbrella word "troubles" to tie up the situation and tame it. Gorman offers no alternative but he is a poet and not a politician. His contribution is to evoke mood and feeling, in the process giving a fresh emphasis to the words of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling". (Ceefax) (s) (70969)



A comic stance on current affairs: Griff Rhys Jones (10.00pm)

10.00 Have I Got News For You? Angus Deayton hosts the satirical news quiz. Griff Rhys Jones and Anne Robinson join regular team captains lan Hislop and Paul Merton (25921) 10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron and Francine Stock (676834)

11.15 What the Papers Say. Russell Davies, sports columnist on the Sunday Telegraph, reviews the week's press (884501). Wales: Wales 11.30 Scrutiny. News from Parliament (94124). Wales: 11.45 What the

Papers Say 12.00 Weather (5322902)

12.05am Cricket: First Test — England v Pakistan. Highlights of the second day's play (3460896)

12.35 Film: A Man of Principle (1984). The Discovering Latin America season continues with a violent political thriller from Colombia in which Frank Ramirez plays the leader of revolutionary terrorists. In Spanish with English subtitles. Directed by Francisco Norden (1029964). Ends at 2.05

6.00 TV-am (1002259) 9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword show, hosted by Tom O'Connor (6661766) 9.55 Thames News (1381563) 10.00 Out of This World: Duelling Mayors. American science-fiction

comedy series (r) (92766) 10.30 This Morning. Anne Robinson reports from the Good Housekeeping Institute; and how to speak everyday French. Including at 10.55 ITN News, and at 11.55 Thames News (48554308)

12.10 Rainbow. Entertainment for under-fives (r) (9565489) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Dermot Murraghan and Sonia Ruseler (Oracle) Weather (6777211) 1.10 Thames News (62205650) 1.20 Home and Away (Oracle) (18377495) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (68339650)

2.20 Highway to Heaven. Earthbound angel Michael Landon tries to stop the slaughter of wild horses (1429308) 3.15 ITN News headlines (9326259) 3.20 Thames News (9316872)

3.25 The Young Doctors (3203105) 3.25 The Young Doctors (3205105)
3.55 Children's ITV: The Gingerbread Man. Cartoon series. (Oracle) (s) (4141292) 4.05 Talespin. Animation (s) (4659056) 4.30 Wilderness Edge. Final part of the outdoor activity drama series. (Oracle) (969) 5.00 Cartoon Time (r) (6120259)

5.10 Home and Away (r) (Oracle) (6940722)
5.40 Early Evening News with Martyn Davies. (Oracle) Weather

(300834)
5.55 Six O'Clock Live: Here Comes Summer! Frank Bough hosts a holiday edition, with star guests, money-saving tips and ideas on places to visit (185259) 6.55 The Day (933747)
7.90 Through the Keyhole. David Frost and Loyd Grossman invite Patrick Lichfield, Eve Pollard and Alan Titchmarsh to guess the identity of two celebrities' homes. (Oracle) (s) (6679)



Bride and groom: Barbara Knox, William Russell (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Rita Fairclough (Barbara Knox) and Ted Sulliva (William Russell) tie the knot at Weatherfield register office (698) 8.00 Athletics. Live coverage of the Pearl International from the Don Valley Stadium in Sheffield (8747) 9.00 Heartbeat: Primal Instinct. Scotland Yard invades local bobby

Nick Berry's patch on the north Yorkshire moors, to investigate the murder of a former policeman. (Ceefax) (s) (1211)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville, and Alastair Stewart in Rio.
(Oracle) Weather (534124) 10.35 LWT News and weather

(Oracle) Weather (53-124) 10.53 Ever News and Weather (512747) followed by The Day (512747)

10.40 Film: Wino Dares Wins (1982). Thuggish political thriller, inspired by the SAS's operation to end the 1981 siege of the Iranian embassy in London. Lewis Collins leads a crack tearn which storms the American embassy where Richard Widmark and his diriner guests with lurb Dayis and Edward. are being held by terrorists. With Judy Davis and Edward Woodward. Directed by lan Sharp (28010230) 1.05am The James Whale Radio Show. Caustic humour with the radio

talk show host (s) (3088235)

2.10 American Gladiators. Brawn and brains contest (1114186)

3.00 CinemAttractions. Charlie Tuna presents the latest film news from the United States (59490) 3.30 Raw Power. Rock music video magazine (s) (81167)

4.30 The American Match. American football (r) (51790) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (93273). Ends at 6.00

RADIO 3

VARIATIONS

Stephen King's: This is Homor (1790803) 2.05 Films Tank Force (765322) 3.45 The Hit Man and Her (8332902) 4.40-5.30 Central Jobfinder '92 (1151032)

GRANADA As London except: 2.20pm An Invitation to Remember (Brian Rb) (97329582) 2.50-3.15 Graham Kerr (7879940) 6.00-7.00 Granada Tonight Weekend (55650) 10.40 Up Front (421211) 11.40 The Law and Hany McGraw (749414) 12.35cm-1.05 Married with Children (8268815) 2.05 CinemAttractions (1747612) 2.35 Stand Up (8395411) 3.05 Night Beat (1206612) 4.05-5.30 Figh: The

Big Job (1837099) HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pns-2.20 The Young Doctors (58339650) 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice (3203105) 6.00 HTV West (834) 6.30-7.00 Let's Go (414) 16.40 It's Nearly Saturday (421211) 11.40 Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War (397650) 12.05am Married_with Children (3457322) 12.55.105 Slocke Harmer (2058815) HTV WALES

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As London except: 2-50pm-3.15 Graham
Kerr (7879940) 6.00 Northern Life (834)
6.30-7.00 Up Country (414) 10.40 Point of
Order (837259) 11.10 Wordworks (889056)
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(196259) 2.05 Cinematractions (1747612)
2.35 Stand Up (8395411) 3.05 Night Beat
(1206612) 4.05-5.30 Film: The Big Job
(1837099)

(7879940) 3.23-3.55 Home and Away (3204834) 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today (6940722) 6.00 TSW Today (834) 6.30-7.00 (69407827 for All (614) 10.40 Film: Boot Hill (24657476) 12.35am-1.05 EWs: Good

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm Sons and Daughters (68339650) 2.20-3.15 Donahue (1438056) 3.25-3.55 Check it Out (9367360) 6.00 Six Tonight (834) 6.30-7.00 Glenroe (414) 10.40 Kelly (6477308)

12.10am-1.05 Reap the Whirlwind (2543411) 2.05 CinemAttractions (1747612) 2.35 Stand Up (8395411) 3.05 Right Best (1206612) 4.05-5.30 Film The YORKSHIRE

Rockin' Tonight (8268815) 2.05 CinemAttractions (1747612) 2.35 Stand Up (8395411) 3.05 Night Beat (1205612) 4.05 5.30 Film: The Big Job (1837099)

A passion for jazz: Fats Domino and Jools Holland (11.40pm)

11.40 Walking to New Orleans. Jook Holland embarks on a musical

journey to the city of jazz and blues, where he meets Lee Dorsey and Fats Domino (r) (648476) 1.05am The Twilight Zone: King Nine Will Not Return (b/w). Science-

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fiction suspense thriller. A pilot (Bob Cummings) crashes during the second world war and regains consciousness to find his crew missing and jet aircraft flying overhead. (7727419). Ends at 1.30

YORKSPRIKE:
As London except: 10,00am-10,30 An Invitation to Remember (92765) 1.53-3,15 Rim: It's A Great Day (2362766) 6.00 Calendar (900124) 6.30-7.00 Aerobic Championship (414) 10,40 Film: Paper in Echo Park (9275018) 12,05am-1,05 War of the Works (9275018) 2.05 Zara Okyan Den (9275018) 2.10 Film: Nyay Anyay (9275018) 5.05-5.30 Nawrang (5431341)

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State: 6.00am Channel Four Daly (1093501) 9.25 Schools (84227209) 12.00 The Parliament Programme (19360) 12.30pm News 12.35 Slot Methrio (391501) 1.00 Fifteen to One (38056) 1.30 Business Daily (77872) 2.00 Sign On (3105) 1.230 Racing (66360) 4.30 Fitipper (211) S.00 My Two Dads (7785) 5.30 Brookside (S65) 6.00 News (355650) 6.10 Hero (946582) 1.20 Pobol V Cwm (7921) 7.30 Resio (390) 8.00 Natur Wylt (3969) 8.30 News (488292) 8.00 Natur Wv8t (3969) 8 30 News (488292) 8.00 Natur Wynt (3969) 8.30 News (488292) 8.55 Cool Cwestwm (984308) 9.45 He-Pia; (302969) 10.00 Roseanne (27389) 10.30 Cfive Anderson Talks Back (670650) 11.10 A Stab in the Dark (638259) 11.40 Walting to New Orleans (648476) 1.05am Twikight Zone (7727419)

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7.40 Entertainment Tonight (365582)
8.00 Ghoulies go to College (1990): Tiny beasts on a college campus (17152698)
9.40 US Top Ten (459476)
10.00 Georgielles (1990): Martin Screece's Newsline (90853) 8.30 Memories 1970-1991 (32327) 10.30 Newsline (27766) 11.30 ABC News (95679) 12.30 am Newsline (72438) 1.30 ABC News (24322) 2.30 Holiday

Mafia epic (76839308) 12.25am Presumed Innocent (1990): Ham-

12.25am Presumen annocent (1550; nam-son Ford in courtroom drama (86419612) 2.30 Nightwish (1989): Supernatural story of young paranormal investigators (822693) 4.15 Deal of the Century (1983): Chevy Chase deals in arms (523356), Ends at 5.55 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Sky Movies Pius Showcase
(3836495)
10.00 The Death of the incredible Hulk
(1990): A scents! is kidnapped (96921)
12.00 Winning (1969) Paul Newman wants
to win the Indy 500 (41147105)
2 05cm Eng. Girlf: Raheling in high school Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.15am Meet Me in St Louis (1944): Family 6.15am Meet Me in St Louis (1944): Family musical with Judy Garland (704230)
8.15 Oliver and the Ardtil Dodger: Animated Oliver Twist (888766)
10.15 The Tender Trap (1955): Frank Sinatra plays the bachelor (891230)
12.15pm The Party (1963): Peter Sellers as an Indian doctor in Hollywood (160872)
2.15 Columbor Rest in Peace Mrs Columbo (1990): A women attempts to musider Columbo's Medical Trap (1955) in the March 1950 in the Medical Trap (1950) in th

Columbo (1990). A women attempts to murder Columbo's while (157308) 4.15 Robby The Rascal Animated adverture about a robot (204704) 6.15 B.L. Stryker — Die Laughing (1969). Trying to protect a comedian (604500) 8.15 Flashback (1990). Kiefer Sutherland as harder (1990).

8.15 Flashback (1990): Kiefer Sutherland as a young FBI agent (327230) 10.15 The Kissing Place (1990): Thriller of a psycho-surrogare mother (530582) 11.45 The Wild Angels (1966): Peter Fonda as the leader of a bite gang (535037) 1.15sm A Dry White Season (1989): Anti apartheid drama set in South Africa (184612) 3.05 Crusoe (1989): Adaptation of Daniel Defoe's novel (4069047). Ends at 4.35 THE COMEDY CHANNEL

 Vis the Astra satellite.
 4.00pm Mr Ed (3650) 4.30 Punky Brewster (9834) 5.00 Green Acres (3921) 5.30 The New Leave in to Bearer (3414) 6.00 Mr Behedere (2607) 6.30 Three's Company (1679) 7.00 F Troop (3785) 7.30 McHale's Navy (9993) 8.00 Arm Jillian (9105) 8.30 Babes (1940) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (80834) 9.30 Mr Behedere (77921) 10.00 In Linng Cot (45563) 10.30 McHale's Navy (55211) SKY SPORTS SKY SPORTS

Via the Astra and Marcopole satellites.
 6.30am Morning Stretch (65650) 7.00 Red
 Line (32059) 8.00 The Cricker Show (26785)
 9.00 Morrang Stretch (16308) 9.30 Footbalk

Republic of Ireland v Italy (19327) 11:30 Morning Stretch (43389) 12:00 French Open Tennis Roland Garros and Beckenham (7352679) 7:00pm The Game of Billions (85953) 8:00 Torque (94501) 9:00 WSF Body Sars (55124) 9:30 The Ultimate Challenge (34211) 10:30 European League Round-Up (24785) 11:30 The Game of Billions (85414) (22747) 12:30 Beckenham Tennis (20186) 1:30-3.00am Australian Rugby League (62506)

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Wit the Astra satellite.
 Moram Duathlon (28853) 9.00 Mountain Bite '92 World Cup (24196) 9.30 Footbell — Road To The European Championships (64389) 11.00 Tennis French Open Roland Garros (9673785) 5.00pm Rythnic Gymnasics (4617312) 8.30 News (8143) 9.00 World Championship Bosing, Marseille (41921) 10.30 Tennis: French Open Roland Garros (19853) 11.30pm News (70582)

SCREENSPORT

 Via the Astra satellite.
 7.00am Eurobics (\$6281) 7.30 IAAF Grand Prix (14018) 9.00 Basketball (\$5834) 10.00 Longitude (87872) 10.30 Eurobics (24114) 11.00 Argentinan Soccer (\$5100) 12.00 Rallycross (32834) 1.00pm Faszination Motor Sport (41582) 2.00 Eurobics (9018) 2.30 Rittich, Onen Rally (141582) 2.00 Eurobics (9018) 2.30 Rittich, Onen Rally (141582) 3.00 Eurobics (9018) 2.30 Rittich (141582) 3.00 Ri tor Sport (41582) 2.00 Eurobics (9018) 2.30
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3.00 Volko PGA European Tour 1992
(39037) 5.00 Monster Trucks (3698) 5.30
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Giffette World Sports Special (3834) 7.30 Got
— Motorsport (80563) 8.30 PGA European
Tour 1992 (39495) 9.30 Arthletics (12817)
11.00pm Top Rark Boxing (82150)

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• Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Getting R: (72940) 10:30 Amesican Gameshows (1599940) 10:55 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (8818308) 11:20 Star Time (17744292) 11:25 Search for Tomorrow (8782476) 11:50 Sally Jessy Raphael (5148766) 12:45pm Lunchbox (568785) 1:15 The Joan Rivers Show (3384853) 2:05 Power Hist USA (1766018) 3:05 Sella-Vision (4523056) 3:30 Coverstory (4747) 4:00 Tea Break (5749834) 4:10 Dick Van Dyke Show (3:35259) 4:46 American Gameshows (5427476) 5:00 Sally Jessy Raphael (8766) 3:30 Sella-Vision (3018) 6:00 Reminiption Steele (56414) 7:00 Sella-Vision (820495) 10:00 Music Videos (6683582) 2:00-3:00am Last Dance (30612) CNN

Via the Astra satellite

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RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester. The Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Bran Hayes Good Moming UKI 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jmmy Young, talks to Aane Boyle 2.00gm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Essewart 5.05 John Durm 7.00 Are You Sitting Comfortably? Leste Cnowhere with the nostatigic quez 7.30 Finday Night is Music Night: BBC Concert Orchestra, 40th Anniversary tour, live from the City Hall, Newsards 9.30 Listen To The Band: Kennedy's Swinton Band, conducted by Kewn Bolton 10.30 Radio 2 Arts Programme, with John Florance live from Birmingham, with the latest events in the Sounds Like Birmingham Festival 12.30am Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00am A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and Sport on the hour until 7.00pm 5.00m World Service. Newshour 6.30 Damys Baker's Morning Edoton 9.00 For Schools: Something to Third. About, 10.00 Music Workshop 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker, with The AM Alternative 12.30pm House of Stars 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (s) 1.30 Fest Cricket Plus, with Eleanor Oldroyd Cricket. 1st Comhill Test, England v Raisstan; Termis French Open, Roland Garnos; Golf: Carrolls with Open at Killarney 7.15 The Little House in the Bigwood 7.30 The Legendary Series. Sir Percival, written by Tim de Jorgh (r) 8.00 Multitrack 1, with Tim Smith 8.30 Vibe-time 9.30 Bull with Simon Fanshawe 10.10 Rave with Rob Brydon 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

with Tim Smith 8.30 Vibe-Line 9.30 Bull with Simon Farshawe 10.10 Rave with Rob Brydon 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in 85T. 4.30am World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45 News and Press Review in German 5.00 Morgenmagazin 5.20 Tips für Touristen 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 Weather 6.00 World News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 News about Britain 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Mendian 8.00 Newsdesk 8.30 Hentage 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music Review 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Global Concerns 10.30 Seven Seas 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Focus on Faith 11.30 Londres Midt 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Business Update Noon Newsdesk 12.30pm Mendian 1.00 World News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off The Shelf Fire Short Stones 3.45 Global Concerns 4.00 World News 9.05 Outlook 3.30 Off The Shelf Fire Short Stones 3.45 Global Concerns 4.00 World News 9.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Look Ahead 6.20 World Business Report 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heure Aktuel 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.05 Outlook 8.30 Gruppe Tonight 9.00 World News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Science in Action 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 People and Politics 11.45 Sports Roundup Midnight World News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Worldbrief 12.30 Multitrack 3 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From the Weekles 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Seeing Stars 2.45 Jazz Now and Then 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 People and Politics 4.00 World News 4.09 World of Farth 4.15 Sports Reundup

ANGLIA

Avisit As London except: 1.50pm-3.15 Film: The Frightened Man (8420495) 3.25-2.55 House Style (9316872) 5.10-5.40 Nature Watch (6540722) 6.00 Home and Away (900124) 6.25-7.80 Anglia News (100953) 10.45 Wheels (447259) 11.40 Cambridge Folk Festival (6238235) 12.10am Married...with Children (8409222) 13.25-1.05 Center One (1009522) 13.25 Center O (8268815)

BORDER

Gardens (68339650) 2.20-3.15 Donahue (1429308) 6.00 Lookaround Fnday (834) 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road (414) 10.40 Up Country (687299) 11.10 The Business Game (607389) 11.40 The Equalizer (749414) 12.35am-7.05 Elvis: Good Rockin' Torlight (8268815) 2.05 CinemAttractions (1747612) 2.35 Stand Up (8395411) 3.05 Night Beat (1206612) 4.05-5.30 Film: The Big Job (1837099)

CENTRAL

As London except; 2.20pm-3.15 Donahue (1429308) 3.25-3.55 House Style (3203105) 5.10-5.40 Steve Looks Back (6940722) 6.00 Horne and Away (900124) 6.25-7.00 Central News (100853) 10.40 Stood Ties (1767476) 11.45 Hardball (748785) 12.40am-1.05

6.55am Weather, News Headlines 7,00 Morning Concert: Haydri (String Quartet in F, Op 77 No 2: Salomon Quartet)

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Offenbach (Overture, Le
voyage dans la Lune:
Gulbenkian Orchestra under
Michel Swierczewski); Ravel
(Albende del pracierce City

(Alborada del gracioso: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle); Rameau (Suite, Castor et Polluc Orchestra of the 18th

Century under frans Brüggen)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Dvotak (Romance in F minor,
Op 11: London Philharmonic

Op 11: London Philharmonic Orchestra under Daniel Barenboim, Itzhak Perlman, violin; Mazurek in E minor, Op 49: St Louis Symphony Orchestra under Walter Susskind, Ruggiero Ricci, violin; Violin Concerto in A minor, Op 53: Philadelphia Orchestra under Riccardo Muti, Kyung-Wha Chuno, violin;

Wha Chung, violin)
9.35 Joachim Piano Trio: Rebecca

10.25 French Miniatures: BBC
Scottish Symphony Orchestra
under Jerzy Maksymiuk
perform Ravel (Menuet
antique; Pavane pour une
infante defunte); Debussy (La
plus que lente); Debussy, orch
Ravel (Tarantelle styrienne) (r)
10.55 Test Match Spedal: England
v Pakistan. The second day's

play in the first Comhill Test at

play in the first Commit lest Edgbaston, Commentary by Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew and Christopher Martin-Jenkins, with expert comment from Trevor Bailey

and David Lloyd Scorer Bill Frindall. Incl 1.05pm News; 1.10 Call the Commentators

1.30 County Scoreboard; 1.40 Commentary; 3.45 The Birmingham Leagues; 4.00

Commentary and close of play

5.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on records 7.25 News 7.30 Alicia de Larrocha: The

Joachim Hand Tho: Necetta Hirsch, violin, Caroline Deamley, cello, John Lenehan, piano, performs Haydn (Piano Trio in G. Gyrsy Rondo, H XV 25); Mendelssohn (Piano Trio

As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Stopwarch 10.40-11.40 Murphy's

As London except: 2.20pm The Sullivans (97329582) 2.50-3.15 The Young Doctors

minor. Un oiccolo

(Andante con variazioni in F

minor, Un piccolo divertimento, H XVII 6); Beethoven (Sonata in D, Op 28, Pastoral); Granados (Los Requiebros; Coloquio en la reja; El Fandango del Candil; Quejas, o la maja y el ruisenor, El pelele, Goyescas). Recorded earlier this war.

Alicia de Larrocha (7.30pm)

8.50 Tippett and Birtwistle:
English Northern Phisharmonia
under Paul Daniel, with Rita
Culls, soprano, John Wallace,
trumpet, performs Tippett
(Ritual Dances, A Midsummer
Mamage; Byzantium for
soprano and orchestra)
Birtwistle (Engless Pazada) Birtwistle (Endless Parade orraysoe (Endless Parade, Gavain's Journey). Sir Michae Tippett and Sir Harrison Birtwistle were the featured composers at last year's Huddlersfield Contemporary Music Festival. This concert is devoted to music from their operas and concert works 10.30 Gothic Voices: The medieval ensemble founded by

Christopher Page performs a selection of English and French music from the 12th and 13th centuries, introduced by Page the concert was recorded yesterday in St George's, Brandon Hill, Bostol 11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Jean Françaix (Cassazione) Chopin, orch Françaix (Preludes from Op 28): Françaix (Symphonie d'Archets) (r)
1.00-2.05am Night School (Except Cassar) (de bourtes) the

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RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping 6.00 News
Briefing, ind 6.03 Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today,
ind 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
6.45 Business News 7.25, 8.25
Sports News 7.45 Thought for
the Day 8.40 Yesterday in
Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News

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9.05 Desert Island Discs, Sue
Lawley's guest is Prunella
Scales (s) (r)

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley

10.00-10.30 Dear Diary (FM only),
with Simon Brett (s) (r)

10.00 Daily Service (LW only): John
read by Tony Britton (4)

10.30 Woman's Hour: From Belfast,
Wendy Austin talks to Mary
Harney about the environment
and the EEC; looks at the
floating museum, the Golden
Hind; talks to Lionel Shriver,
about her book on Northern about her book on Norther Ireland; and introduces the classical musicians Una and Fionulia Hunt, Incl 11,00

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News
11.30 The Natural History
Programme: Lionel Kelleway
reports from Wales on the red
kne, following this year's
hatchlings from egg to first
flight. This bird of prey is
becoming as much a symbol of
Wales as rugby and male voice
choirs (r)

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12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm The Food Programme:
Derek Cooper looks at hygiene in our kitchens 12.55 Weather
1.00 World At One, with Nick Clarke choirs (r)

Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 Castle of the Star. Colin
Haydn Evans's serial tells the
story of Lawrence of Arabia.
The Arab Revolt (1 of 2) (s) (r) 3.00 Special Assignment 3.30 Bookshelf: The American BOOKSNET: The American author, Mona Simpson, talks to Nigel Forde about her new book The Lost Father, and writer Tim Parks talks about his

life abroad as an Englishman in Verona (s) 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Looks at the two new exhibitions at the

Tate Gallery in London, Turner and Byron and Blake, The Apprentice Years, reviews the play Love in a Bottle at the Tricycle Theatre; and the Canadian buskers Bare Naked

Lady perform in the studio
4.45 Short Story: The Devil and
Mrs Fox by Michael Carson,
read by Maureen O'Brien
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week (FM only) 7-20 Pick of the Week (FM only), with Chris Serle
7-20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.05 Any Questions? Chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby from Cuckfield, West Sussex. The panel is Carmen Callil, publisher, Sir Peter Hall, theatre director; Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, president of the Anti-Apartherd Movement; and Sir Crispin

Trevor Huddleston, president of the Anti-Apartheid Movement; and Sir Crispin Tickell, Warden of Green College, Oxford 8.50 Stop Press 9.15 Kaleidoscope ● CHOICE: Interviewing four poets about how the sex that they have in common (female) and the native soil they don't share (they are daughters of Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England) impact on their writing, Peggy Reynolds elicits some worthwhile thoughts about the soil but fewer about the sex. There is a moment when, talking to Liz Lochhead, a Scot, Reynolds is wrongfooted into silence. "Does it make a difference to you", \$he asks the Glaswegian, "being a woman poet". The reply is "I don't know, I've never tried being a man poet" (\$) (f) being a man poet" (s) (r) 9.45 Letter from America 9.59

10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime Picnic at 10.45 A Book at Bedtime Pichic at Hanging Rock by Joan Lindsay, read by Lisa Harrow (5) 11.25 The Financial Week 11.45 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.33am News, ind 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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president puts Kington (s) (488292) 8.55 Athletics, Jim Rosenthal presents further coverage of the Pearl International, live from the Don Valley Stadium in Sheffield, Including the European relays, field events and the 10,000m Olympic trial (8604360)
10.00 Roseanne: The Bowling Show. Wisecracking comedy starring
Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman (27389)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back to Torn Jones (s) (670650) Roseanne Amold and John Goodman (27389)

O Clive Anderson Talks Back to Tom Jones (s) (670650)

O A Stab in the Dark

CHOICE: Here is a new late-evening series promising "anarchic and subversive topical comment" defivered live to a studio audience. A Stab in the Dark has set itself a formidable agenda. It will challenge beliefs and orthodoxies, square up to the powerful, the privileged and the pompous and try to reach parts of the news that other programmes do not reach. The presenters are David Baddiel of The Mary Whitehouse Experience, Tracey McLeod of the BBC's The Late Show and television current affairs reporter Michael Gove. Except that it is not a quiz, the enterprise has echoes of another Friday night tilt at authority, BBC2's Have I Got News For You. The glory of that show is that it can be inveverent without taking itself seriously. A Stab in the Dark will have to guard against taking itself seriously. A Stab in the Dark will have to guard against knocking down one edifice only to erect another (s) (638259)

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